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# EU beef blockade of Britain

# Protest by Major as Brussels claims right to order world ban

By CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS AND PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

THE European Union last night imposed a worldwide ban on British beef exports after the Government held back from new measures including the mass slaughter of cattle - to reassure the country and the Continent.

In a move that provoked fury and disbelief in Westminster the Commission claimed that it had the legal powers to order a ban involving third countries. Senior British officials in Brussels said there were serious doubts over whether the Commission had such a right although Britain had ceded some trading rights.

An angry John Major telephoned Jacques Santer, the European Commission President, to protest. Mr Santer told him that an advisory committee will be reconvened today so that British experts could argue the case for the prohibition to be lifted.

Explaining the EU action. Franz Fischler, the Agricultural Commissioner, said: "The aim is to ring-fence the problem inside the UK and help amsumers recover con in the beef market."

British officials were aghast that the Commission and the council of veterinary officials had gone further than almost all demands by imposing bans on all imports into the EU and British exports elsewhere of live cattle, beef products and by-products in cosmetics.

The ban is open-ended and could be lifted only when Britain could convince the Commission that there was no further threat. Any compensation would depend on Brit-ain's ability to satisfy demands for evidence that the BSE problem was being hand-

ed correctly. An outraged official said: "There was not a shred of scientific evidence advanced in the veterinary committee today." The Brussels decision was "unscientific, hasty, illprepared and disproportionate". He noted that the Commission was in a great rush to quarantine British beef but was taking a strict

view on compensation. After a weekend of intense

Scots are left out of stamp squad

Scottish football was sidelined when it provided none

selected by public vote to

stamps for the European

championship. Pat Crerand, the former Scottish interna-

tional, said: "I think the

voting should have been done

by football people"..... Page 7

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investigation by the Govern-ment's expert scientific committee, Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, told the Commons that children were no more likely than adults to catch the human form of mad cow disease.

And Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, while announcing the acceptance of minor new recommendations. stopped short of announcing a slaughter policy and said only that he was ready to come forward with further measures if they were justified.

The Government's decision to try to tough out the crisis without further drastic measures came at a committee chaired by the Prime Minister in which Mr Hogg found little support for his multi-billion pound plan to order the slaughter of all cattle aged more than 30 months.

With Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, taking a tough Treasury line, and indications to the Government overnight that the EU would not be swift in coming forward with com-pensation assistance, one minister after another recom-



"Hang on, we can't eat him. He's British"

#### mended that the Government should not go further than the recommendations of its scientific committee. Ministers fear that a massive compensation payout could knock their economic policy off course.

They had had a flood of representations from MPs in farming constituencies warning that mass slaughter policy was a panic reaciton and more than was required.

Mr Hogg had suggested the slaughter of some 4.5 million older cattle on Sunday partly because he fully expected the expert committee to recommend such a move. But even on learning that the committee had not made such a proposal he was ready to propose the policy.

The news that children are

human infection with the BSE agent occurs, infants and children are not likely to be more susceptible to that infection than are adults."

Government to advise local education authorities to re-Continued on page 2, col 4

According to informed sources he was given short shrift. Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, is amone those understood to have warned that the Government should not be seen to panic in the face of what he called media hysteria.

Ministerial sources believe that a slaughter policy yet be forced on Britain if the European Union makes it a condition of any help for compensation to beef farmers. Some officials believe that such a decision could come

The Cabinet committee discussed applying for European funds to support the beef market but it is clear that Britain will have to wait before the state of the beef market becomes clearer.

not likely to be more at risk than adults was the first boost for the beef industry since it was disclosed last week that there was a possible link between BSE and a new strain Mr Dorrell told MPs: "If

Mr Dorrell said there was now "clearly no reason for the



A British lorry carrying beef is stopped and turned back at Calais yesterday. In Brittany 151 cattle were destroyed after the discovery of BSE. Page 8

# Two new cases of CJD suspected

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS disclosed yesterday that two more patients may be infected with the new strain of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, which has been linked to BSE in cattle.

The patients, aged 36 and 42, are both still alive. Ten other confirmed cases were announced last week. Professor John Pattison

chairman of Seac (the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee), yesterday also disclosed the ages of the earlier ten cases. The patients range in age from 18 to 41. Three are 29 and three are 30 or 31. Assuming a tenyear incubation period, this means that more than half were in their teens or younger when they first became infect-

Professor Pattison told a press conference that the latest two cases were "in the age category under investigation"

but that confirmation was still awaited. In one case a biopsy had proved negative, but that did not rule out the possibility that the patient was suffering from the new strain, he said.

He added that his committee had deliberated for eight hours about the risks to children and had considered every aspect. The committee was joined by experts in paediatrics, gastro-enterology and infection and immunity, and had considered differences in the way protein was digested, the normal defences against infection, and the barrier pro-

tecting the gut in adults and children. "We treated all questions with the utmost seriousness. We were determined no question should be left unexplored," he said.

There was no evidence that the cause of BSE was in red muscle meat, and no evidence in other encephalopathies. such as scrapie in sheep, that they were carried in the muscle. "It would surprise us enormously if BSE were the exception," he said. He added, however, that there were limits to the sensitivity of the tests

for detecting the infection. He said parents could not protect their children from every risk. All food could carry infection and could trigger allergic reactions or cause illness. "Stopping beef and eating something else does not go from a small risk to a zero risk," he said. The Seac experts also con-

cluded that pregnant women, patients in hospital and people suffering from conditions affecting the immune system were not likely to have increased susceptibility to infection by BSE.
At last night's news confer-

Two former Cabinet minis-

ters led Tory backbench pro-

tests over the Bill, which has

been heavily criticised for

allowing no-fault divorce after

Tory critics last night, Roger Freeman, the Public Service

Minister, said that although

the Government favoured 12 months, it would help MPs to

draft amendments extending

the period. Several Tory MPs

have called for two years, but

ministers believe 18 months

The Bill was drafted by Lord

the maximum acceptabl

In a move welcomed by the

12 months.

Pound hit by market jitters The pound and British stocks and bonds suffered yesterday Health Secretary, made clear as investors reacted to the

in life is risk-free. I think there

is no basis in this advice for

anyone to remove beef from

their family diet."

that he did not believe there beef crisis. Mr Douglas Hogg's state-ment that bans on beef were was any reason for people to stop eating beef. He reaffirmed that both he and his unjustified and his apparent children would continue to do decision to rule out a cull of herds did not appear to help Referring to the committee's report, he said: "Since nothing sterling. Government bonds

perked up after the Commons statements but it came too late to help the stock market. The socks. FTSE index closed 25.1 points oking e. She

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# Diane Modahl wins fight to clear name after ban

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN CAPE TOWN

DIANE MODAHL, the first British woman athlete to fail a drugs test, yesterday won a 19month battle to clear her name. The International Ama-Athletic Federation (IAAF) decided here that the test that precipitated her sus-

pension was not reliable.
The IAAF verdict was in accord with that of a British Athletic Federation (BAF) appeals panel which last July set aside Modahl's four-year ban. Though eligible from that date to return to competition, her future remained uncertain, pending an IAAF ruling.

"I am absolutely delighted," Modahl, 29, said from Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she is training. "We have finally won this long battle." It began in August 1994 when Modahl was sent home from the Commonwealth Games in Victoria, Canada, as she was about to defend her 800m title. Four months later a BAF disciplinary hearing

ruled that an offence had been committed. She and her husband, Vi-

cente, went to appeal and are now counting the cost of an expensive legal defence. They are suing the BAF for E480,000 over loss of earnings and legal and scientific fees.

Modahl said last night: "It has been a costly fight and not



Modahl: £480,000 suit

just in financial terms. The powerful organisations in control of sport can make or break you. I believe there were those who wanted to break me."

Pivotal to the case was the laboratory in Lisbon which carried out the test nine weeks before the games. The test showed an abnormally high testosterone reading, suggest-ing the steroid had been taken to boost performance, but the Modahls produced evidence to show that her urine sample had not been refrigerated and was therefore liable to deterioration. In a statement, the

IAAF blamed the laboratory. Tony Ward, the BAF spokesman, said: "We believe Diane does not have a course of action against us. It should fall on the IAAF to meet all fees incurred by both parties from last October when they did not accept the verdict of our appeals panel."

# Ministers move to avert divorce revolt

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND ALICE THOMSON

MINISTERS moved last night to avert a crippling backbench rebellion over the Government's divorce law reforms, offering concessions to Conservative opponents.
As the Family Law Bill

began its Commons passage. ministers made clear they were not adamant that the "cooling off" period must re-main at 12 months. They accepted the House of Lord's change to the Bill so pensions are split at the time of divorce rather than at retirement.

They also said they would consider allowing MPs a conscience vote on tightening rules protecting spouses and children against particular hardship, either financial or otherwise, when the Bill re-

turns next month. Tory MPs have attacked the reforms for failing to offer sufficient protection to spouses in contested divorce cases, claiming they will be severely harmed by the abolition of the Drug test doubts, page 48 | current five-year period.

Mackay of Clashlern, the Lord Chancellor, who is understood to be open minded about the minimum period, although it has been supported by children's welfare organisations. Mr Freeman also announced that the Government will not attempt to overturn

the Lords' amendment which Continued on page 2, col 1

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# Harman goes bananas in mad cow clash

Dolitics can produce the paradoxical situation in which it is the craven who plunge boldly forward. and the brave who drag their feet. Watching MPs yesterday as Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, and Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, resisted advancing panic over BSE, and Labour's Harriet Harman went bananas, you could see it happening.

Bananas" understates. Ms Harman threw everything she could find at the occasion. Public confidence had been "hanging by a thread". The thread had "collapsed". Public confidence (now unthreaded) was "draining away". Our confidence drained, collapsed

"swept into a crisis" while ministers, "fuelled by dogma". "dragged their feet" as the "nightmare scenario" loomed.

Ms Harman delivered her harangue in a breathless soprano which, hovering somewhere between Cassandra prophesying doom and a housewife throwing dinner at her husband, came to rest at a pitch reminiscent of the nanny near the end of her tether with a hyperactive child.

And Ms Harman achieved the impossible. In fact she achieved several impossible things. First. she roused Stephen Dorrell to anger, something that has never been seen before. Tories cheered. Dorrell



is beautiful when he is angry. She also roused Tony Marlow (C. Northampton N) to call her "stupid cow", a remark he withdrew (at the outraged Speaker's command) while turning, smirking like a naughty boy, to his friends.

The second impossibility was to unite Dorrell and the right-wing Euro-renegade Teresa Gorman (C. Billericay) in a moment of unprecedented togetherness. After nine years in Parliament, Mrs Gorman has found something to agree

about with a Tory left-winger. So emotional had Dorrell now become that he was temporarily unable to pronounce encephalopathy, and for Dorrell that's very emotional. When he accused Harman of

Dorrell's possible collapse. The third impossibility was to produce in Labour a populist show so shameless as to embarrass even the Liberals. Simon Hughes, Liberal Dem-

divorce is granted and we're

also beefing up the law to do

with domestic violence." Mr

The reforms are not likely to

come in before 1998. They are

expected to receive Royal As-

sent this summer and there

will then be extensive pilot

projects on the mediation

schemes and the provision of

The divorce-free year will

not put divorce lawyers out of work, however. Nigel Shep-herd, chairman of the Solici-

tors' Family Law Association,

said that divorce lawyers would have plenty to do

though we have argued for

their affairs through a media-

Whether couples sorted out

information for divorcing

Evans said.

ferreting around in the gutter

for party advantage", doctors

in the House prepared for Mr

ocrat health spokesman, counselled caution: Paul Tyler. their agriculture spokesman. warned against heedless panic. Delicious to see Liberals trapped between their rural voters and their urban ones!

Finally - and this we thought we'd never see -Harman has made a statesman of Douglas Hogg. Our terrier-like Agriculture Minister can bark with the best but. following an hysterical Harman and facing an unhinged Gavin Strang (his Labour Shadow) he opted for the couch-side tones of a consultant psychiatrist.

In vain. To represent an English constituency is to know that the British all

someone is trying to poison them. They suspect, too, that somewhere hidden lie countless files of official information too hot for the public to know. Finally, they suspect that all politicians are at all times lying, probably compulsively. either for the hell of it or

because it is in their nature. Couple these primal insecurities with the rage and frustration an electorate is bound to feel towards a Government approaching its eighteenth year in power, and advice to any British cow reading this sketch must be to enjoy each day as it comes. Similar advice may be offered to Tory MPs.

# Instructor blamed for soldiers' deaths

An Army gunnery instructor was responsible for the death of two soldiers killed by a stray shell while watching an artillery demonstration, a court martial was told yesterday Corporals Robert Hawksley and Martin Bailey of The Queen's Royal Lancers died during an exercise at Sufficial in Canada in June 1994 run by Major Jonathan Ginder Major Ginder, of 29 Commando Regiment Royal Artiflers

denied two charges of manslaughter.

Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Austin. for the prosecution. told the court martial at Bulford in Wiltshire that there appeared to be discrepancies in the guns' sights. Colonia Austin said it was Major Ginder's duty to guard against such discrepancies. The hearing continues.

### Tourist killings denied

The man accused of murdering seven young backpackers including two Britons. in Australia pleaded not guilty yesterday on the first day of a trial in Sydney that expected to last up to six months. Ivan Milat, 51, a roadworker who has been in custody for nearly two years: also denied kidnapping British tourist Paul Onions, with

#### MP faces reprimand

John Austin-Walker, the Labour MP who spoke at Sinn Fein's annual conference and attacked John Major's handling of the Irish peace process is to be reprimanded by Donald Dewar, Labour's chief whip. Mr Austin-Walker MP for Woolwich, has been asked for a transcript of ins remarks when he praised Gerry Adams and said he disagreed with Labour's bi-partisan approach to Ulster,

#### Party loses £40,000

Police are investigating a former Labour parliamentary candidate over the apparent misappropriation of up to £40,000. David Hurst, 34, resigned last year as candidate for Bath after the disclosure that he bad claimed unemployment benefit while working as an accountant for 50 local firms. Officials have now discovered money missing from the Bath party, of which Mr Hurst was treasurer.

#### Student hardship claim

One in three students misses lectures because they are working in part-time jobs to support themselves at university or college, according to the National Union of Students. A survey also disclosed that employment during term time causes one in five students to miss deadlines for coursework. A spokesman said: "Record levels of hardship are forcing students to sacrifice their studies."

#### Naval officer settles

A Royal Navy officer who collapsed and suffered brain damage while on a training course settled out of court with the Ministry of Defence for an undisclosed figure vesterday. Sub Lieutenant Simon Rowland, 29, of Newton Abbot, Dorset, was in a coma for 15 days after running run until he dropped from exhaustion at temperatures of 90F in

### Pub spirited to Germany

A Victorian pub in Leeds is to be replicated 20 times across Germany. The idea stemmed from a visit by a delegation of German brewery chiefs to the Leeds-based brewers Joshua Tetley to set up an export market. They were shown around the Victoria Hotel in Great George Street and fell in love with it. The Germans hope to convert existing pubs or the replicas from scratch over the next three years.

#### Duo enjoy hall of fame

A West Country musical due who risked their homes to hire the Albert Hall for a night played three encores to a near sell-out crowd. Steve Knightley and Phil Beer, known as Show of Hands, spent £24,000 to hire the London venue on Sunday night but sold most of the 3,500 tickets. "It was an absolutely fantastic night," a spokeswoman said. They had covered their costs and raised £1.500 for charity.

# No divorces for a year once new law is passed

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN will become a divorce-free zone for a year when the new divorce laws come into effect. Jonathan Evans, MP. junior minister at the Lord Chancellor's Department, said yesterday that when the Family Law Bill becomes law, any new divorce would effectively be outlawed

The "ban" on new divorce comes about because under the reforms, couples will have to wait a minimum of 12 months, once they have lodged a petition, before being allowed to divorce.

Continued from page 1 defeated the Government on

pension-splitting.

He told MPs legislation
would be introduced "as soon

as possible" after a consult-

ation paper is published this

summer. However, last night

several Tories pressed for a

more specific timetable, fear-

to be a rush by couples wanting to get divorced under the "quickie" procedure of the present law. This can be done in as little as four months if adultery or unreasonable behaviour is alleged. Yesterday Mr Evans said in

an interview on BBC Radio 4's Today programe: "In the first year after this legislation comes in nobody will be able to get divorced. We'll have a situation where everybody will be required to go through the one-year period for reflec-tion and consideration. I can confidently tell you that in that period of time there will not be

any divorces."
There are about 150,000

ing legislation introduced

next autumn might not com-

plete its parliamentary pas-

sage before a general election. As expected, Mr Freeman

also said all Tories, including

ministers, will have a "free

vote" on no-fault divorce and

the minimum period needed

before a divorce is allowed.

divorces a year in Britain. The Family Law Bill, which came before the Commons for its second reading yesterday after a stormy passage in the Lords, will also scrap the notion of fault in divorce.

During the one-year "cool-ing-off" period — which some critics of the Bill want lengthened to 18 months - couples will have to agree arrange-ments for children and finances before they are granted the new divorce order (which replaces the two-stage decrees nisi and absolute).

"We're placing the emphasis on reconciliation. We're promoting mediation. We're ensuring that aspects in rela-

drafting. It abolished a cou-

ple's traditional duty to pledge

themselves to each other for

life and made marriages total-

ly meaningless.

giving legal advice to couples sorting out their arrange-Ministers try to avert rebellion There is no power in the Bill to abridge this period for John Patten, the former Education Secretary, said the exceptional circumstances Rill needed substantial resuch as terminal illness, al-

> tor or not, they would need legal advice as well, he said. "This will remain central."



Together for at least a year under the new law

# Economic insecurity remains the Tories' bugbear

By Peter Riddell

LABOUR yesterday raised the central political issue of economic insecurity - only to see it overshadowed by another instalment of the beef saga But starting with the Harriet Harman row in January , via the Scott report, the headlines have been dominated by events. important in themselves, but secondary to the worries of most voters ahead of the next election.

Economic insecurity plains the absence of the "feelgood" factor and goes to the heart of anxieties over intensified global competition. This

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ment in America where protectionists of Right and Left have attacked international corporations. However, in Britain, the main party leaders accept that these pressures are

neither going to disappear nor

should they be resisted. The Tory case is that economic growth will create social cohesion and reduce insecurity. Hence the reiteration that Britain is "the enterprise centre of Europe" and the attacks on "job-destroying measures such as the minumum wage. But even if the Tories can convincingly show that they are best placed

#### RIDDELL ON POLITICS

to make Britain competitive it fearful of losing their jobs. would only partially deal with Ministers are wary of drawing insecurity. Stephen Dorrell attention to the question of insecurity. Stephen Dorrell months ago: "the necessity to make a full-blooded commitment to a process of constant ates a conflict for politicians when voters are yearning for a stability which they believe they have lost". His answer was to rebuild confidence in economic stability.

But that will not be enough to make change acceptable or to reduce the anxieties of these

insecurity. Labour's decision to campaign on "downward mobility". ahead of next month's Staffordshire South East by-election and May's council elections can partly be seen as a counter to Tory claims about that the Government has achieved a stronger economy and rising living standards. But it also seeks to show that governments have a role, not by boosting demand but by helping to improve the

Tony Blair was at pains yesterday to say that Labour could not prevent people losing their jobs but could help them get their next job. Gordon Brown's proposals are based on the belief that training and education are the key dividing lines between those who prosper in a global economy and those who are left behind. This is similar to the analysis of Robert Reich, the US Labor Secretary, with whom Mr Brown has had frequent discussions, most recently last week.

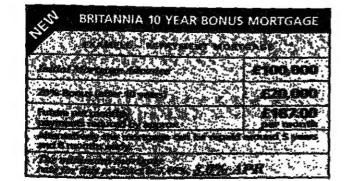
Governments, it is argued, should aim at encouraging

people undertaking their own retraining in approved courses. Labour will this week produce a plan for individual learning accounts which would earn tax relief and would be portable. This would replace Labour's commitment to a compulsory training levy - despite opposition from trade union leaders yesterday. Much of the costing is still

unclear - but at least the plan addresses public fears about uncertain job prospects. These will not be answered by a few quarters of rising living standards, tax cuts and slogans about enterprise.

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### Beef ban

Continued from page I move beef from school menus". He repeated the scientists' advice that providing present controls were fully implemented, "any BSE-related risk from eating beef or beef products is likely to be ex-

Harriet Harman, the Shadow Health Secretary, accused ministers of "reckless disregard for public health" and blamed the "dogma" of deregulation for having swept the country into crisis. "Last week said public confidence was hanging by a thread. Now it has collapsed."

The Consumers' Associ-ation — one of Britain's most influential independent watchdogs - maintained that the only way to avoid the risk of BSE was to stop eating beef altogether. It accused the Government of failing to reassure consumers over the possible dangers of eating beef and beef-derived products. The Government's advice has done nothing to answer the key consumer concerns about beef," it said.

The Government's problems at home increased when fast food giant Burger King announced that it was banning British beef from its restaurants. The chain is following in the footsteps of McDonald's. Wimpy and Wendy's burger bars amid plummeting consumer confidence in the safety of homeproduced beef. From Saturday all Burger King burgers would be made from non-British beef but British-made burgers would remain on the menu until then.

Mr Hogg told the Commons that consumer confidence was fragile but promised: "I shall monitor it with scrupulous care and I shall not hesitate to come before the House with further measures if it is clear that they are justified by the circumstances.

### CSA pays £100 to innocent fathers

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

THE price of being wrongly labelled a cad by the Child Support Agency was set at E100 yesterday. Men who are sent maintenance claim forms for children they never fathered will be given financial compensation.

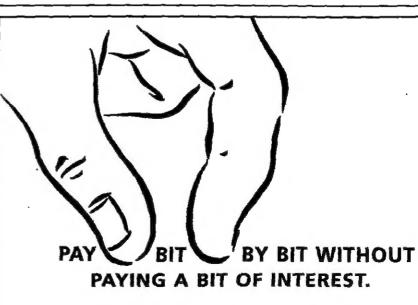
A part-time independent complaints examiner will be appointed at an annual cost of El million to cope with the 32,000 parents a year aggrieved by the agency's performance. A compensation scheme is

also being introduced for mothers whose maintenance is delayed by the CSA's bu-reaucratic slowness. This is unlikely to be extravagant as the planned budget runs only to £100,000 a year.

"It is really a matter of looking at each case individually. This is taxpayers' money," said Andrew Mitchell, a Social Security Minister. Men claim their lives have been ruined by receiving a maintenance inquiry form identifying them as the father of a stranger's child, Mr Mitchell said the £100 was compensation for "upset and inconvenience"

A man cited in the Parliamentary Ombudsman's report on the CSA a fortnight ago lost his girlfriend, had his birthday and Christmas ruined, cancelled a trip abroad and had to take time off work.

The CSA had sent him a form because his date of birth matched that of a man it was pursuing although his name was different. The agency sent him 13.20 compensation.



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'A man who robbed the rich to give to the poor is rather out of fashion these days'

# Sheriff of Nottingham banishes Robin at last

ROBIN HOOD is being retired by Nottingham's civic leaders because they think his swashbuckling image is out

of date.

The Sheriff of Nottingham has joined forces with Tony Blair's new Labour Party to try to bury the legendary outlaw and champion of the poor. Four advertising agencies have been invited by Nottingham First, a consortium of businessmen sup-ported by the Labour-controlled city council, to design a new symbol for the city that will have no link to the redistribution of wealth.

The Labour council believes that Robin Hood and his Merry Men are the wrong image for a city at the cutting edge of the technological revolution.

Roy Greensmith, the Sheriff of Nottingham, said: The legend of Robin Hood is of a person with a soul and a civic conscience, a man who robbed the rich to give to the poor. That is rather out of fashion these days."

The Sheriff, a Labour councillor who wears a gold-braid replica of a 12th-century outfit complete with bejewelled sword, said: Torvill and Dean, Nottingham Forest and Brian Clough are more popular here."

Mary Chamberlain, the secretary of the Robin Hood Society, was appalled. They have gone crazy. Robin Hood is Nottingham. He is one the best-known figures in world

history," Simon Wilkinson, chief executive of Nottingham First, whose members include lawyers and bankers, was unapologetic. He said: "As a child I never liked Robin Hood. I am afraid I always



They rode through the glen: clockwise from top left, Douglas Fairbanks senior, Kevin Costner, Disney's Robin Hood fox and Richard Greene

preferred the Sheriff of Notingham. Men in doublets, leotards and tights simply do not project the right image for a modern and vibrant city. Nottingham is the headquarters of Boots, you know."

Bob White, director of corporate affairs at the city council, says the outlaw presents a poor impression of the city. "Research has shown it to be a lightweight image," he said. "When we're trying to sell the city, say to a major electrical company from Germany, if they think of Robin Hood when they think of Nottingham they might get the wrong impression." Each year 1.5 million tour-

ists converge on Nottingham. many in pursuit of the legendary figure whose grave has never been found. Nottingham Castle dominates the coat of arms of the city, which began as a Saxon settlement. Vivit Post Funera Virtus (virtue outlives death) is the city's motto. Images of Robin Hood adorn many shop windows.

Robin of Loxley, a humble miller's son, is a matter of ment. Scholars are prepared to argue that he was a yeoman turned poacher who, abused by the Sheriff of Nottingham, defied royal auhority and robbed the rich to give to the poor.

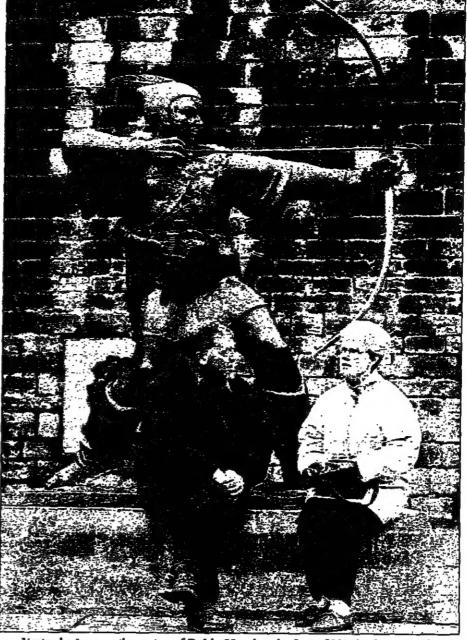
He is thought to have lived in the late 12th or early 13th century and was a fearless opponent of the Sheriff, his evil sidekick Guy of Gisburn and Prince John. Maid Marion was invented several centuries later. The tale was embroidered in later years when the Victorians turned Robin into a nobleman, the Earl of Huntingdon, to make him a more respectable hero.

lan Walker, managing di-rector of the Tales of Robin Hood, one of many tourist attractions built around the legends, said: "I employ 45 people who owe their job to Robin Hood. Nobody would even have heard of Nottingham if it were not for him."

Errol Flynn, Sean Connery, Kevin Costner, Richard Greene, Mel Brooks and even John Cleese have all taken up the hero's bow and arrow. The 800-year Major Oak, the tree in Sherwood in which the outlaws were said to have hidden from the Sheriff, is a shrine for disciples. Sir James Holt, Professor of

Medieval History at Fitzwill-iam College, Cambridge, the country's leading authority on Robin Hood, said: There is great international interest in Robin Hood. How can they say now that he is out of date? He has been dead for 700

centuries ballads, poems, operas. plays, films and television have transmitted the essentials of the myth.



Yesterday's man: the statue of Robin Hood at the foot of Nottingham Castle

Robin is recast for each generation. Kevin Costner's 1991 film, Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves, was one of the biggest box office successes for years. A Robin Hood exhibition, which will be shipped around the world, opens at the University of

Oldenburg in Germany later

They may be unsure about the potency of the symbol in Nottingham but Americans have no doubt about the lure of Sherwood Forest. Terry Baker, from Rochester, New York, said in Nottingham

yesterday: "The main reason e came here was because of the link-up between Robin Hood, Nottingham Castle and Sherwood Forest. He is a big name in the States where everybody's heard of him."

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#### £78m for opera is attacked in court

BY DALYA ALBERGE

THE Arts Council's decision to award £78 million of Nat-ional Lottery cash to the Royal Opera House in London for redevelopment was branded unlawful and intolerable" in the High Court yesterday.
In an action brought by Jo

Weir, chairman of the Covent Garden Community Association, Leolin Price, QC. argued that the council agreed to fund a redevelopment on land which it jointly administrates and manages.
The conflict between the

council's statutory responsi-bility for choosing between competing applicants for lottery money and its interest in this particular intended distri-bution is intolerable," he said. Judge Tucker deferred the application for a judicial review, the first legal challenge to a lottery award, until next

Jim Monahan, an architect representing the community association, said later: "We took the Arts Council to court over the incestuous relationship between them and the Royal Opera House." The association believed there was conflict of interest in money being given to the Covent Garden Land Development, as the Arts Council was a joint

trustee.

He added: "The judge has not given us leave, but he hasn't thrown the case out. He has deferred the case, which seems a very favourable

If permission for a judicial review is granted, the legal dispute will go to a full hearing at a later date. It could dampen the hopes of Jeremy Isaacs, General Director of the opera house, that the last complications surrounding the project will be solved quickly and the £213 million project will be able to go ahead without delay.

# Lord Bristol sells up in case Labour gets in

THE Marquess of Bristol said yesterday that the prospect of a Labour Government was a deciding factor in his decision to sell the contents of the private apartments at his family home, Ickworth.

Lord Bristol, 41, who has fought a long-running battle with drugs, is expected to raise more than £1 million from the sale of paintings and furniture from the east wing of lekworth near Bury St Ed-munds, Suffolk, which has been the family home since the 18th century. Lord Bristol said that since

the age of 16 he had been responsible for the house, which cost £350,000 a year to run, "and I have decided that enough has been expended on a building I do not own".

It had cost E7 million to maintain over the years and after talks with trustees the sale had been decided upon in view of the political climate we are living in today and the climate we may have to live in tomorrow"

Asked if that involved the possibility of a Labour Government he said: "Yes. When the Labour Government was in power they discussed penal taxation and wealth taxes which quite frankly would be crippling for someone in my



Lord Bristol: said he would miss the shooting

position. I think it is going to be very detrimental for the owners of country houses."

He said: This is not a question of having to sell but of making a financial decision before it's too late. At my age 1 feel I want to have a lot less financial hassle but I will miss the shooting," he said.

He will now divide his time between a five-bedroom house in the grounds during the summer and a house he is building in the Bahamas. The move is being made on medi-cal advice following recent bouts of pneumonia.

In a frank news conference at the house he said: "The move marks a new start in my

burden lifted from my shoul ders when I shed this responsibility which has been round my neck for 20 years." lckworth passed to the na-

tion in lieu of death duties in 1956. The family has lived in the east wing since the 1800s and it is currently on a 99-year lease from the National Trust. Lord Bristol, who served a tenmonth jail sentence for heroin and cocaine abuse imposed in December 1993, took reporters on a tour of the house yesterday, spoke openly about his addiction and warned young people to stay away from drugs. "Don't ever experiment with drugs, otherwise they will change your life and take over you," he said. "Once you experiment the danger is that you become addicted."

His manner was in marked contrast to previous public appearances when he looked pale, withdrawn and wore sunglasses. Lord Bristol said he had been on a drug rehabilitation programme for 18 months and had just completed his probation. He said: I have never felt as well as I

do at the moment." Lord Bristol inherited 4,000 acres and once boasted a fortune of £35 million. When he was sentenced for possessing drugs the court was told he had spent nearly £7 million in

ten years on his addiction.

A FORMER drummer with the band Oasis started a High Court battle yesterday over royalties, only to discover that the judge had never heard of the band.

Tony McCarroll, who was sacked last April, is suing Liam and Noel Gallagher, Paul Arthurs and Paul McGuigan for 20 per cent of the royalties for Definitely Maybe, the fastest selling debut album in British recording history. He is also claiming unpaid money for the follow-up disc, which sold five million copies.

But as the proceedings began yesterday Mr Justice Harman, 65, demonstrated once again that he is the scourge of all things that smack of popular culture. The Old Etonian, who once

memorably asked "who is

Gazza?", revealed he is one of the few people who has not heard of the hell-raising band as famed for its performances off the stage as on. At a preliminary High Court hearing Andrew Sutcliffe, QC, for Oasis, said: "I represent a band whom your Honour may have heard of, Oasis." Mr Justice Harman, whose interests include hunting, shooting, fishing and stalking, replied: "I certainly

have not heard of the band, I

don't listen to bands." When it was pointed out that the band's record company was Sony, Mr Harman said: Now there is somebody I have beard of."

Mr McCarroll is now seeking unpaid royalties for the hit singles Some Might Say and Whatever, and two alboms that include What's the Story, Morning Glory? At last mouth's pop indus-try awards the band lived up

to its stormy reputation when, having won the best album award for What's The Story, it sang an obscene version of a song by its deadly rivals Blur. Noel Gallagher, the songwriter, collecting the best band award, declared there were only seven people in the room who offered young people any hope: the group, its manager, and Tony Blair, who had handed out

one of the awards. Jonathan Rayner James, QC, for Mr McCarroll, said his client had only one source of income: Oasis.

Mr Justice Harman directed that the case against Oasis should be heard in May. But he first established that any mogey which could be award ed to Mr McCarroll would not be misused. He said: "It's not going to be put on a horse in the meantime, is it?"

# Oasis a mirage | Company director wins to His Honour £140,000 in equality case

A COMPANY director dismissed after she complained about being paid less than her male opposite number has won a £140,000 settlement from her former employers. The case was last night hailed by the Equal Opportunities Commission as a triumph for the rights of women in execu-

Christine Esplin. 48, a personnel director, was promoted to the board of a Sussex clothing retailer in 1993 at the same time as its male merchandising director. When she discovered her salary package of £42,500 with company car and pension benefits was less than his, she lodged an equal pay claim with an industrial tribunal.

Mrs Esplin told the company chairman of her actions. and about two weeks later she returned from holiday to find she had been dismissed. Mrs Esplin, who joined the com-pany in 1987, then claimed she had been victimised because of the earlier pay dispute and, backed by the commission, she challenged the dismissal at an industrial tribunal in

Brighton. QS Familywear settled the dispute informally, offering Mrs Esplin £120,000 and £20,000 in enhanced pension contributions. Hilary Slater,



Mrs Esplin won an out-of-courtsettlement

the commission's principal legal officer, said the size of the settlement, the largest in the organisation's history, was encouraging: "This sort of money shows that women can now be properly compensated for the very real losses they suffer through discrimination."

Until 1993 claims under the 1975 Sex Discrimination Act were capped at Ell,000 but, after a European Court of Justice, ruling on a case involving South West Hampshire Health Authority, there are now no limits to compensation levels.

Lady Brittan, deputy chairwoman of the commission, said it had backed Mrs

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Esplin's case because of con-cerns over top women's pay: At present, women directors only receive 72 per cent of male director pay," she said.

In a statement from QS Holdings Plc yesterday, the company said it continued to deny any allegations of sexual discrimination and unfair dismissal. The settlement, said the company, reflected the cost of the two-year notice period in Mrs Esplin's contract. An outof-court settlement had been reached to avoid "further costs and use of valuable top management time".

Mrs Esplin, of Hassocks, for another job since June. She said the money would come in very useful. I have been doing some voluntary work in our village and it will give me some breathing space to continue with this while looking for work." she said.

She added that her efforts to find a job had been hampered by having to include the dismissal on her curriculum vitae. Following the settlement she will now have a reference from her former employers.

She said: "I have been working solidly for the last 25 years and I shall now take some time off to reflect, I may even move outside the retail industry even though I miss the cameraderie and responsi-



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# Paralysed rugby player sues referee and opponent for £1m

A YOUNG rugby player yesterday blamed a referee and an opponent for an accident that left him paralysed. Ben Smoldon, 21, is claiming more than £1 million damages from the two in the first case in the British courts of a sportsman suing a referee for negligence.

Mr Smoldon, who was 17 when his neck was broken, claims the opposing prop forward, Thomas Whitworth, broke the rules by helping to collapse the scrum and that Michael Nolan, the referee, should have acted earlier to prevent the accident. Both deny liability.

Graham Rowniree, an England front-row forward, and Peter Wheeler, a former international, are expected to give evidence in the High Court for the defendants, who are supported by the Rugby Football Union.

Mr Smoldon, who is paralysed from the shoulders down, was helped into court in a wheelchair by a carer who turned the pages of documents for him. He said he had not intended to play in the game because he had a county trial two days later, but turned out because his side, Sutton Coldfield Colts, was short of players.

His counsel, Peter Andrews, QC, told Mr Justice Curtis that Mr



Michael Nolan, the referee, left, and Thomas Whitworth, the opposing team's tight-head prop forward. Both deny liability

final scrum, which had already

collapsed and reformed twice. "I can

remember on going down that I was leaning on my left hand side and

that I felt a blow to my neck. I

thought I was winded and blacked

His body was then forced back-wards and he was left hanging on to a colleague before losing his grip. "I

can remember falling down to the floor on my back. My legs felt numb." He had not walked since.

He said Mr Whitworth had

previously played aggressively and

there had been frequent wrestling

between the two front rows, but the

referee did not impose his author-

out momentarily."

Smoldon, a hooker, suffered catastrophic injuries when the scrum

The court was told that the game against Burton upon Trent Colts, in October 1991, had been ill-tempered. It was alleged that the referee had allowed 25 previous scrum collapses to go unpunished. Two players had been sent off; several needed treatment for neck injuries and a touch judge had warned that someone would get hurt. But, Mr Andrews said, the referee had said that he could do nothing about it.

Mr Smoldon, the Sutton Coldfield captain, told the court he felt the breath knocked from his body in the

ity, warn of the dangers or instruct the players on the rules.

Mr Smoldon said he had never before played in a game where the scrummage had collapsed so often. "I would say he [Whitworth] played a part in the collapsing of the scrummages." The game, played at Burton in Staffordshire, was abandoned ten minutes from time with

the home side leading 17-10.

Mr Andrews said Mr Nolan "owed the players a duty of care" and should have been both vigilant and strict in enforcing the laws.

-Unhappily. on this afternoon Mr Nolan did not measure up to the standard that one should and would expect from a competent referee. He failed to take proper steps to prevent the risk of serious injury.

He said Mr Whitworth was also negligent in failing to take the correct position for the scrum, which meant Mr Smoldon's body was not supported when the two packs of forwards locked together.

Questioned by Christopher Sy mons, QC, for Mr Whitworth, Mr Smoldon, from Sutton Coldfield in the West Midlands, conceded that his own side could have been responsible for some of the earlier scrummaging problems. Mr Sy-mons said: "It was no more than an accident, wasn't it?"



Ben Smoldon arriving at the court in his wheelchair yesterday

#### **Officials** covered by insurance

By David Hands

ALL match officials - referees, touch judges and even sponge men — are insured for public liability under a Rugby Football Union scheme which costs the indi-

viduals nothing.

Any club affiliated to the RFU is compelled to take out insurance against accidental death and disability, either through the RFU or by partieipating in a scheme offering equal benefits. Clubs are also encouraged to suggest to players the need for personal

Public liability was introduced for players and offici-als in the 1989-90 season and the indemnity limit was set at El million. In 1992-93, the RFU accepted a recommendation to increase the limit to £5 million but notes that cover does not operate in respect of incidents arising out of a deliberate breach by insured person of RFU rules. directives, and regulations".

Payment for referees was confirmed last weekend, but will apply only to officials at the professional end of the

# Biting wind and nipping corgis mark return of royals to Poland

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN WARSAW

THE Queen began a three-day state visit to Poland yesterday, the first by a reign-ing British monarch to a country which has not had a

king of its own for 201 years.

Accompanied by the Duke
of Edinburgh and Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, the Queen arrived in Warsaw wrapped in a fur coat 'gainst the sharp tall end of a central European winter. Watched by a large and animated crowd she was greeted at the presidential palace by President Kwasniewski, who had ousted Lech Walesa from his country's top position in last November's

The Queen's visit, in return for one made by Mr Walesa, then President, to London in 1991, is intended to underline support for Poland's return to democracy and to encourage the country's ambition to join Western institutions. This month's White Paper on Europe backed expansion of the European Union, particularly in Central Europe, but some diplomats are anxious to soft-pedal Poland's desire to join Nato while Russian

elections are pending. The Queen, however. showed no such equivocation when she told President Kwasniewski in a speech at a state banquet last night: "We strongly support the enlarge-ment of the European Union and of Nato; we welcome your institutions.

One of the Queen's first duties was a visit, added to her programme at the last minute, to lay a wreath at the erim marble memorial on the



site of the Umschlagplatz in central Warsaw, where thousands of Polish Jews were loaded into railway wagons for their last journey to the Treblinks. The visit was arranged after members of the Jewish community in Britain had expressed surprise last week that the Queen would not be visiting Auschwitz or any other Holocaust memori-

She laid another wreath at Warsaw's tomb of the un-Polish and British war veter ans. More than 250,000 Polish servicemen fought with the Allies during the Second World War. In her speech last night, the Oueen referred to Poland's own wartime suffering: "The name of Warsaw, and the heroism and tragedy of the uprisings in 1944, and earlier in the ghetto, will never be forgotten in Britain as an inspiring example of courage and faith. No ally could do enough to help Warsaw in those dark days, but I am proud that we did everything we could."

The Queen had been in the country barely half an hour when she was obliged to speak two words of Polish. Reviewing a guard of honour at the presidential palace, she stopped before the assembled troops and said to them. rather quietly: "Czolem zolnierze." (welcome, soldiers). They roared back in Polish. extremely loudly: "Hail Your Majesty", a cry not heard in the land since King Stanislaw

vacated the throne in 1795. The guard of honour marched off in a goose step reminiscent of their recent Russian military tradition, which will presumably have to be abolished if the country

ever does join Nato. The Queen, meanwhile, appointed the President a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath; he in return invested her with the Order of the White Eagle, the highest award in the Polish armoury of decorations.

The only members of the crowd apparently unim-pressed by their royal visitor were eight representatives of the Polish Kennel Club (Welsh Corgi section) who would have nipped the royal ankles had their owners not held them up for a face-to-face encounter with a fellow

Lech Walesa: visited

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# Council ignored health warning on flats to save money

REPORTS BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

CONSERVATIVE leaders on Westminster City Council secretly decided to put homeless families into asbestos-ridden high-rise flats in an attempt to save millions of pounds and to thwart a bid by tenants to buy out the estate.

The exposure may result in severe health risks, said the 200,000-word independent report into why 150 homeless families were housed in the two 21-storey blocks in Paddington, west London. It found that the decision was influenced by its advantage to the local Tory party, and that and then ignored by the council's unofficial chairmen's group, led by Dame Shirley Porter and Barry Legg, who is now MP for Milton Keynes

John Barratt, the former chief executive of Cambridgeshire County Council who

drew up the report, concluded that the council's management of the two blocks was unacceptable and that councillors were more interested in saving money than listening to

He decided that the council's main objective was to stop tenants taking over the Walterton and Elgin estates (WECH), because this would cost the council millions of pounds having to repair the flats before they were handed

sion, taken in 1989, to house the homeless in Hermes and Chantry blocks - known as the Points - to the chairmen's group, then led by Mr Legg. Tory chief whip on the council. Its decisions were taken without reference to the housing

"I have to conclude ... that



Dame Shirley Porter and Barry Legg, who were found to have browbeaten council officials

homeless families in the Points was taken by chairmen, influenced by considerations party advantage," Mr Barratt says.

The overriding objective of the chairmen became the defeat of the tenants' bid, the report says, and the introduction of homeless families offered a way of achieving this.

"The coincidence of this objective with the officers' task of reducing homlessness costs to within budget made the use of the Points for housing homeless families extremely

Despite the availability of the clearest advice and instructions to the contrary, those acting on behalf of a public body repeatedly took risks, for a variety of reasons who ought to have been entitled to assume that such risks were not being taken.

"The exposure suffered by some individuals may yet result in serious health consequences. Even where the risks were low the protracted exposure may also yet result in serious health consequences."

The report is to be debated council on April 4. Families who were moved into the blocks have been told to contact a helpline, and several said yesterday that they were considering suing the council for damages.

Allegations that homeless people were moved into the flats as part of a gerrymandering policy by the council were not proven by the asbestos

two children at his side.

Stephen Westaby, who led had been allowed to rest.



# Man with mechanical heart dies

By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

A PATIENT who had been fitted with a battery-powered heart, in the programme to tute for human transplants,

The death of Abel Goodman, 64, a London film producer from Wimbledon who had survived for five months with the pneumatic pump. the size of a grapefruit, represents a setback for the programme. He was never well enough to leave hospital. Last week surgeons detected a problem with the pump and removed it in a five-hour operation on Saturday. Mr Goodman had been

thought to be recovering well in intensive care but on Sunday night his condition deteriorated. He died 30 hours after the operation with his wife Irene and their

removed

after around the device became a

However, Mr Goodman de-

veloped a sudden and unpre-

dictable change of heart rhythm from which be could

Mr Goodman had been

turned down for an NHS

transplant, normally limited

to patients under 60, and had

been told he had only

months to live. He was the

not be resuscitated."

the surgical team at the John Raddiffe Hospital, Oxford, said yesterday that Mr Goodman's own heart, which had been left in his body, had made a "remarkable recovery" during the months it

"The mechanical heart was

cal substitute for the natural heart has arisen because of a shortage of donors and prob-lems with transplants which require expensive courses of drugs and reduce resistance

The device is implanted in the abdomen below the heart and connected to its left ventricle. It is powered by a battery pack worn around the waist and connected through a hole in the abdominal wall.

Last month, Mr Westaby said the device implanted in Mr Goodman had worked well. The artificial heart has saved his life on many occasions. We are winning. There is no doubt we are going to make mechanical hearts a success within two

Early in the new year, Mr Goodman developed flu followed by a near fatal infection with a staphylococcus bacterium. But for that setback he might have recov ered enough to be allowed home. Mr Westahy said.

Mike Fleming, director of personnel and administration at the hospital, said everyone was extremely upset and sent their sympathies to Mr Goodman's family.

NEWS IN BRIEF

## Hepatitis all-clear for patients

Blood tests have shown that none of the patients operated on by a doctor carrying the hepatitis B virus has contracted the disease. The 27 patients were recalled for blood tests after surgery at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, between November last year and January. They will be retested in three months.

A junior surgeon on a shortterm contract was found to have had the disease after leaving the hospital.

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#### Killing denied

Daio Powell, 22, who joined the Perth-based Western Reds from Bradford Northern for the 1995 Australian rugby league season, denied at the Western Australian Supreme Court killing an Australian outside a nightclub.

#### Tate gets £3.8m

The Tate Gallery Liverpool has been awarded £3.8 million by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The gallery, which opened in 1988, urgently needs more space for exhibitions and educational activities. New rooms, to be created on the top floor, will open in May 1998.

#### Rail crash trial

Stewart Kernan, 23, of Begbroke, Oxfordshire, was committed to trial at Crown Court by Witney magistrates charged with endangering public safety after he left his van on a railway line. No one was hurt when a freight train ran into the van.

#### Cash on a plate

A collection of 115 political mugs and plates conumemo-rating political figures from the Tolpuddle Martyrs to. Margaret Thatcher, assembled by the former TUC presi-dent Clive Jenkins, 69, fetched £9,840 at Phillips in London vesterday.

#### 18 holes in one

A Suffolk golfer can claim a round in one. When Neville Rowlandson, 56, drove off on the 420-yard first hole at the Felixstowe Ferry club, his ball hit a wooden sign at the front of the tee, bounced 25 yards to the 18th green, hit the flag and dropped in the hole.

#### 'Vote-rigging' report awaited town hall majority by tempting unlawful. They argue that ing potential Tory voters to the housing policy was intendbuy council homes in margined to save money and make

minster Council put families comes as the final report on the council's alleged "homesfor-votes" policy is awaited.

John Magill, the district auditor, has been looking into an alleged vote-rigging strategy by the Tory group. His rovisional report, in January 1994, found that the Conservatives had shored up their slim al wards and sealing vacant homes to deter squatters. The homeless were then accommodated in expensive temporary

Dame Shirley Porter, then leader of Westminster City Council, four other councillors and four officers all deny the charge and say they did noth-

middle-income families.

If Mr Magill's final report confirms his earlier finding he will seek a High Court order requiring the nine to pay back £29 million that the policy is estimated to have cost and disqualifying them from hold-ing public office.

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The 'electric' heart is placed in the patient's abdomen. It takes blood from

fourth patient in Britain to

receive an artificial pump

intended to take over perma-

nent operation of the heart.

Devices were implanted in

three patients at Papworth

Hospital, Cambridge, last year, all have since died.

The hospital said the man, also aged 64, was in a stable

and satisfactory condition.

A fifth patient received one of the devices at the John Raddiffe Hospital last week.

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# Five footballing greats stamp their class on Euro championship

By JOHN GOODBODY SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

FIVE of Britain's greatest foot-ballers - William "Dixie" Dean, Bobby Moore, Duncan Edwards, Billy Wright and Danny Blanchflower - are commemorated in a new set of stamps

chosen in a nationwide poll. For the first time the public was asked to vote for whose head would be on a stamp. The shortlist of ten was restricted to players who were dead because no living

the Royal Family is allowed to appear on British stamps.

Readers of The Times, who

filled in a ballot form in the paper last September, were among the thousands of people who voted. The shortlist was chosen from 41 contenders by a panel including Jimmy Hill, the television analyst, and Rob Hughes, football correspondent of The Times. The stamps commemorate the Euro 96 football championship this June and will be sold from May

14. Terry Venables, the England coach, said: These five would have been my first selections. I do not think the public could have chosen better.'

The remaining players were: Peter Doherty, the Northern Ireland midfield player, Alex James, the schemer of the outstanding Arsenal and Scottish teams in the 1920s and 1930s; Joe Mercer, another Arsenal creator and England international; Billy Meredith, the Welsh winger, and Frank Swift, the Manchester City

and England goalkeeper. Unusually, only one of the five footballwas a forward. Most public polls tend to be biased against midfield players and particularly defenders, who are perceived to be less glamorous than matchwinning goalscorers.

Dean was clearly an outstanding contender because be scored a record 60 goals in a single firstdivision season. Between 1924 and 1940, he amassed 379 goals in a career of 437 games for

Transnere, Everton, Notts County and England, for whom he played in 16 matches.

Moore captained England in their greatest triumph, the 1966 World Cup victory. But he was also a masterly reader of the game who, as a central defender, broke up attacks with calm interceptions rather than particularly sharp tackling. Pele regarded

him as his greatest opponent. Edwards was a "Busby Babe" who scored goals but was primarily an attacking wing-half for Manchester United and England. He has a mythical status in football because he died, aged 21. in the Munich air disaster in 1958, his promise unfulfilled.

Wright won 105 caps for England, 90 of them as captain. He was a fierce-tackling half-back. the cornerstone of a defence, who played for Wolverhampton Wanderers from 1941-59 and was immensely loyal to his club and his country.

Danny Blanchflower is the one non-Englishman in the final five

Football League. The Ulsterman captained Tottenham Hotspur when they became the first club this century to complete the double of FA Cup and first division title in 1960-61. He was renowned for his eloquence, on and off the pitch, and for the precision of his passing.

The Royal Mail, which conducted the poll, will announce the result of a ballot for Britain's

# Airport mugger attacks teacher with ice pick

BY TIM JONES

A YOUNG British teacher was attacked by a mugger wielding an ice pick minutes after landing at Manila airport in the Philippines.

Jacqueline Kane, 22, who was stabbed twice in the chest, managed to stagger to a youth hostel to summon help. She was recovering in hospital

Miss Kane, who teaches English at a school in Japan,



friends and begin a tour of the country. She had just cleared customs and was waiting for a taxi when the thief attacked her when she refused to surrender her bag.

After the attack, she was rushed to the San Juan de Dios hospital in the capital and given emergency treat-ment. John Kane, 59, her father, who runs a horticultural nursery at Wooler, Northumberland, said: "It is a horrifying thing to happen. She is a slight girl and must have looked vulnerable. She was stabbed twice in the chest with an ice pick but somehow managed to get to the hostel herself."

Mr Kane, whose wife Wilma is a teacher at Glendale Middle School in Wooler. added: "I am quite certain she would have put up a fight. She is only small but plucky.

I worry about her all the



Jacqueline Kane was stabbed twice in the chest

time being out there. But she is strong willed and independent and was determined to go abroad to teach and we didn't like to stand in her way."

Mr Kane said his daughter. who graduated from Leicester University last July, had an ambition to work in the Diplomatic Service and wanted to gain as much travel experience as possible. "She had intended to meet up with some people to travel in the Philippines but was alone when the attack occurred. We are very proud of her. She is doing well as a teacher and has signed up for another year in Japan," Mr Kane said.

The British Embassy said: "She is resting in hospital at the moment and fortunately no vital organs were hit."

# Film-maker to challenge ancient blasphemy law

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

THE director of a film that includes scenes of Christ on the cross being caressed by a nun is to challenge Britain's biasphemy law in the Euro-pean Court of Human Rights tomorrow.

Nigel Wingrove will tell the Strasbourg court that his rights to freedom of expression were infringed when the British Board of Film Classification banned Visions of Ecstasy on the ground that it was blasphemous. The right to free speech is guaranteed under Article 10 of the European Convention on Human

Rights.

If Mr Wingrove succeeds, forced to ask Parliament to reconsider the blasphemy law, which dates from the Middle Ages. Although the Law Commission decreed in 1985 that the law should be abolished, and the Church of England

General Synod has suggested that it be replaced by legislation outlawing religious discrimination, the Home Office had said it has no immediate plans for reform. Geoffrey Robertson, QC,

acting for Mr Wingrove, will tell the court that Britain's biasphemy laws are anachronistic and discriminatory as they protect only Christianity among the faiths practised in this country.

He said yesterday: "The British Government is defending the indefensible: an ancient law which discriminates on religious grounds and imposes unnecessary censorship on writers and artists. Blaspherny laws are the halimark of primitive, not progressive,

Salman Rushdie, author of The Satanic Verses, has provided a statement supporting Mr Wingrove that will be read depicts the erotic visions of St Teresa of Avila, a 16th-century Carmelite nun. One scene shows her having an erotic fantasy with another woman, who represents her alter ego. It cuts to shots of her lying on Christ, who is still nailed to the cross

Mr Wingrove, an agnostic, said he did not intend to be blasphemous. "The film was inspired by Bernini's statue The Ecstasy of St Teresa in Rome, which is very erotic. It is also meant to explore the

darker side of eroticism." The Home Office said that it would vigorously defend the case. We have given the BBFC the powers to classify films and they found it to be blasphemous," a spokesworn-

The crime of blasphemy and blasphemous libel has been a common-law offence for three

centuries, but its origins can be traced back to the ecclesiastic courts of the Middle Ages. Under the law, "every publication is said to be blasphemous. which contains any contemptuous, reviling, scurrilous or ludicrous matter relating to God, Jesus Christ or the Bible, or the formularies of the

Church of England . . . . Mus-lim leaders have urged the law to be extended to other faiths. France, Austria, Sweden, Denmark and Norway have abolished blasphemy laws. There have been only two successful prosecutions for blasphemy in Britain this century. The last was in 1977, when Gay News was prosecuted for printing a poem using homosexual imagery in rela-tion to God. In 1921 a Mr J. Gort was sentenced to nine months' prison for publishing a pamphlet entitled Rib Tick-

lers or Questions for Parsons.

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# Labour accuses ministers of repeated failure to act

THE Government's reckless disregard for public health and obsession with deregulation was the cause of the "mad cow" crisis, Labour said vesterday.

In furious exchanges after two ministerial statements in the Commons on BSE, Harriet Harman, the Shadow Health Secretary, told MPs that public confidence in the beef industry had collapsed and accused ministers of act-

Ms Harman said that the problem was rooted in the Government's repeated fail-ure to take effective action to

Ms Harman was in turn accused by Tory MPs of exploiting the crisis to make political points. When Tony Marlow (C, Northampton North) referred to Ms Harman as "a stupid cow" he was ordered by the Speaker to withdraw the remark.

In response to the first

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statement by Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary. Ms Harman said the Government had "dragged their feet" in the late 1980s before making BSE notifiable, banning animal protein and bovine offal, and requiring compulsory slaughter and compensation. "Instead, deregulation dogma fuelled by complacency has caused a nightmare scenario for consumers and farmers

She demanded rigorous enforcement of current rules and urged the Government to publish full information for the public on the risk of eating beef compared with other meats. She also called on ministers to advise schools to be "better safe than sorry" and take beef off school dinners for

at least nine months. Ms Harman told Mr Dorrell: "Don't you under-

stand, you still have not done enough to restore the confidence of the British consumer in British beef. They will continue to buy beef, but it will

not be ours." She added: "This crisis has shown that the Government can no longer govern because people do not trust them. How can this Government restore public confidence, when the public has no confidence in this Government?"

In reply, Mr Dorrell angrily told Ms Harman: "I think the country listening to you will find it deeply offensive that you have opened up a wide chasm between the principles you say inform your policy and the ferreting around for party political advantage that has manifested itself in both of your interventions on this

He challenged Ms Harman to say what action she would take. There was no evidence of the Government delaying action and said all the relevant information had been

After a statement by Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, Tory MPs stepped up their attack on Labour. James Couchman (C, Gillingham) urged Mr Hogg to ignore the hysterical politicking from the other side of the Chamber, and indeed the mass whipped-up scare-mongering of the media over

Tim Yeo (C. Suffolk S). former Tory minister, said if the beef industry collapsed. voters in rural areas would blame Labour's "hysterical demands\*

Paul Mariand (C. Gloucestershire W), chairman of the Tory backbench agriculture nittee, said MPs were at the debate because they cared about public health. "It is quite nauseating that Opposition MPs should try to claim this as their own public do-



Stephen Dorrell's statement brought an angry response from Harriet Harman

main when we are all here for that very reason." he said. He urged Mr Hogg to look at how many cases of BSE existed in other European Union countries and whether they were trying to pass them off as other diseases. feeling that our EU partners are using this present difficul-

down our industry for the betterment of their own," he

For the Liberal Democrats, Paul Tyler (Cornwall N) cautioned against slaughtering British herds, only to risk bringing in BSE infected beef from the Continent. To Tory

absurd for the burger giants to be importing beef which is not regulated and inspected to the same high standards we have

in this country." Mr Hogg replied: "On logic and on the scientific evidence, I agree with you that it isn't necessary for anybody to with-draw from eating British beef or from using it."

**Farmers** appalled by ban

REACTION

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

FARMERS said they were "horrified" yesterday by the European Union's decision to impose a ban on imports of British beef. A trade worth about £450 million a year will be wiped out.

We are deeply disappointed the EU has taken this action," a spokesman said. There is no justification for it

The news came as farmers voiced mixed reactions to the Government's decision vesterday not to have an immediate

cull of older animals. Dairy farmers, who would have been worst affected, expressed relief. But some beef farmers said they feared that the Government's inaction would cause consumer confidence in beef to fall further. They feel aggrieved that they have been hit by falling beef sales when the vast majority of BSE cases

Britain isolated in bid to sway EU partners

FROM CHARLES BREMNER

BRITISH officials failed yesterday to dissuade European Union colleagues from imposing an EU-wide ban on British beef as the Brussels

Commission endorsed bans

by individual member states. Keith Meidrum, Britain's Chief Veterinary Officer, put London's case at a session of the EU's standing veterinary committee, which was under heavy pressure from member states to recommend an allout ban on British beef and its by-products from all 14 other member states. "I am hopeful there will be a continuation of

trade," Mr Meldrum said. Mr Meldrum found himself alone against the 14 other member states when the committee reviewed proposals for ection. All Britain's partners said they wanted an immediate ban on all British beef. to officials attending the closedoor meeting. They also wanted Britain to present an urgent plan on how it intended to eradicate BSE disease

from its cattle. The majority view was put by Stan Van Der Meys, the Dutch official at the meeting. We are looking for a ban on imports of British beef and beef products until it's absolutely clear on which farms BSE has occurred," he said.

Franz Fischler, the EU Farm Commissioner, put a package of proposals to the committee as a prelude to a vote on action. A British official said there

was embarrassment when Britain pressed the EU officials for their scientific reasoning. They had no real answers to our questions on this. They couldn't tell us why this was the way to go."

Amid widespread confu-

sion over the scope for Commission action, officials said yesterday they were unsure whether Brussels had the authority to order the slaughter of British cattle, even if that was decided by Herr Fischler.

Ministers from France, Germany and other states made clear they would brook

nothing less than radical ac-

tion to prevent the possible spread of disease and a collanse of confidence in Enrope's beef industry. As the animal experts met, several... foreign ministers attending a separate conference said it was up to the Commission toshow Europe the way.

Britain's handling of the crisis, already criticised across the Continent, came under fire from the Commission, "It might have helped if we had been given a little forewarn-ing." Herr Fischler's spokes-

The Commission made its anger known in a letter to Douglas-Hogg, the Agriculture Minister. A spokesman voiced amazement that Mr Hogg had given no word of the Government's impending announcement when farm. ministers had met in Brussels week. The lette questioned the Government's wisdom in making an announcement that risked creating a public scare while it seemed to contain no new evidence linking BSE to Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

Consumer confidence was at the centre of the Commission's concerns, officials said. Emma Bonino, the Consumer Affairs Commissioner, said she was calling a meeting of scientists to give "basic guide-lines" to restore confidence.

The Commission acknowledged that the financial implications of the BSE scare were vast and hard to quantify. Only a few million pounds remained in the kitty of the Common Agriculture Policy for compensating farmers for diseased animals. An emergency fund would have to be set up, but it was not yet clear how it could be managed, officials said. Some estimates put the potential cost at bil-lions of pounds.

The CAP is equipped to intervene to buy in beef once the price falls below 60 per cent of the intervention level for a period of two weeks. Prices this week have plunged well below that figure, but officials were hoping it could

Herd slaughtered after disease found

A HERD of 151 cattle was slaughtered by French health authorities yesterday after one was found to be injected with 'mad cow" disease.

At the same time, customs officials in Calais intercepted four lorries allegedly carrying British beef in violation of the French import ban. The lorries, including an Irish truck carrying 19 tonnes of frozen beef liver, were searched after arriving by ferry and returned

In one truck, eight cartons of British beef were "hidden" in a mixed shipment containing cheese and lamb, customs officials said. The infected cow was found last month on a farm at Pommerit-le-Vicomte in the Côtes-d'Armor region-of Brittany, one of three cases of bovine spongiform encephalopathy identified in France this year.

A smaller herd containing

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an infected cow at a farm near Callac in Brittany will be destroyed shortly, the Agriculture Ministry said. On March 11, a herd of 80 cattle was slaughtered in the Finistere region of Brittany after another case of BSE was identified.

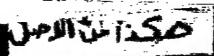
According to official figures, 16 cases of mad cow disease have been identified in France since 1991, ten of them in Brittany, and officials say that in each case the infection can be traced to contaminated British cattle feed.

☐ Austria is banning the import of Swiss beef and beef products from today to protect consumers from "mad cow" disease, the Health Ministry announced. Switzerland has reported 205 cases since it started keeping track of the disease in the late 1980s.

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# Should farmers be given government pay-out over BSE scare if they ignored the rules?

### Archers catch up with late news

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN

DISCONTENT about the Government's handling of the beef crisis spread swiftly to The Archers, Radio 4's long-running agricultural soap opera.

Scriptwriters and actors were rushed to the BBC's Pebble Mill studios in Birmingham at 6pm yesterday to rewrite and rerecord part of last night's episode. With just minutes to spare before the show was due to go out at 7.05pm they incorporated news of yesterday's Commons statement on the

Phil Archer, who keeps 50 beef cattle, expressed relief that the Government had decided not to order the mass slaughter of cattle and that beef will not be ordered off school dinner menus. However, he told Nigel Pargetter, his son-in-law, whose only connection with beef is his pampered pet cow Ellie May, that farmers felt let down by the Government, because they were never allowed to know what went into the animal feedstuff that caused the spread of BSE.

Norman Painting, who has played Phil since the first episode of The Archers on January 1, 1951, said that although he hoped the programme would portray the genu-ine concern that many people felt, it would also help to dampen down mounting public hysteria about mad cow disease.

Last Thursday's instal-ment also included a lastminute script change.

# Infected cattle are presumed to have eaten illegal feed

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

ALMOST 26,000 of the 160,000 cattle that have developed "mad cow" disease were born after a ban on the feed that is supposed to have caused the condition, it was disclosed yesterday.

The animals are presumed to have eaten feed that was illegally in use after July 1988. the date the ban took effect. If farmers ignored the regulations, the question now is whether they should be entitled to compensation for any damaged caused by the BSE

Officials at the Ministry of Agriculture confirmed yester-day that there had been a "carry-over" of some stocks of feed from 1988 into 1989, but was unable to say how many farmers were involved.

"It was not necessarily a case of deliberate wrongdoing." a spokesman said. There could have been crossCOMPENSATION

banned feed and other feed stored in the same born or shed. This could also have occurred at the feed mills which supplied the farmers." Scientists believe that "mad

cow" disease - bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) - was caused by cows heing fed meat and bone meal incorporating the remains of sheep infected with scrapie, a similar disease. After July 1988, farmers were required to destroy any such feed that they still had in store.

lan Gardiner, director of policy at the National Farmers' Union, said: "In any walk of life you get some people who ignore the regulations. Many farmers may simply have taken some time to realise what the regulations were.

circulars. In real life you would not expect a ban of this kind to be watertight from day one. It is worth noting that more than 80 per cent of BSE-infected cattle born after the ban were born in the second half of 1988 or in 1989 when it was almost inevitable that some banned feed would still have been around."

One difficulty in trying to apportion blame is that scientists are unsure whether feed is the only source of BSE. One possibility, still unproven, is that cows with BSE can pass the disease to their offspring. This may account for some of the 26,000 animals born after July 1988 who have died of

Mr Gardiner said: "I totally reject the suggestion that farmers were the authors of their own misfortune. Until 1988 the feed they used was pronounced safe by scientists



Farmers watch the few cattle for sale at Carlisle, yesterday. Prices were down by about 40 per cent on the week before

would deliberately have gone on using it after that date."

Philip Lymbery, of Compassion in World Farming, said farmers were not alone to blame. "The whole agricultural industry was guilty of malpractice and disrespect for animals by allowing the feeding of ruminant protein to ruminants in the first place. What is needed is an independent inquiry."

Support for compensation for farmers was voiced yesterday by Linda Whetstone, a free-market economist who

Institute. "I see no case at all for subsidising farmers, but if millions of healthy animals were to be slaughtered for no reason other than appeasing public hysteria, it is not unreasonable that the electorate at

Britain could have exported BSE to the Continent in infected meat and bonemeal. France has reported 13 cases of BSE and Switzerland 206. Many people think France may have had more cases than it admits.

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# 'If restrictions are enforced the risk will be very small'

The following is the statement from the Government's Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee:

THE committee has reported ten cases of a previously unrecognised variant of CJD [Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease]. It agreed this weekend, after further discussion and consideration of additional genetic data from some of these patients, that our conclusions of March 20, 1996 are unchanged. That is, on current data and in the absence of any credible alternative, the most

that these cases are linked to exposure to BSE before the introduction of the SBO ban in 1989. It emphasises that there are only ten cases to date, and that it is not in a position to confirm whether or not there is a causal link between BSE and the human disease.

The committee has carefully considered whether a quantitative risk assessment can provide an estimate of the absolute risk in relation to BSE. In its judgment a precise measure is impossible because likely explanation at present is of a number of interacting

uncertainties, including: ☐ the magnitude of the species barrier between cattle and

☐ lack of data on levels of infectivity in a range of important cattle tissues which are below the level of detectability by current assays; ithe uneven distribution of

infectivity in any tissue; the time course for the appearance of infectivity over the duration of the incubation

□ whether there is a dose below which there is no risk of infection.

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It therefore made assessments on the basis of the available quantitative data, and where these were lacking on expert opinion and its own collective judgment. Age-related susceptibility

SEAC has been asked to give further advice on the risk to children. It first considered whether susceptibility is likely to be age-related. It had a wide ranging discussion of the changes in the physiology of

the human gastro-intestinal tract and host defences throughout life. It was assisted in these discussions by three leading experts covering the fields of paediatrics, gastro-enterology, infection and immunity. It considered carefully its knowledge of the transmissible spongiform encephalopathies in natural infections and animal model systems. If the new variant of CJD is related to exposure to BSE, this exposure is likely to have been between 1982 and late 1989, and the age range of the cases does not suggest that those who were children at the time were at any greater risk than young adults. Taking all the above into account it concludes that if human infection with the BSE agent oc-curs, infants and children are not likely to be more susceptible to that infection than are adults.

It is not clear why no cases of this previously unrecog-nised variant have been found in older patients. This could be due to different age-related dietary habits, to reduced susceptibility in this group, or to the unrecognised occurrence of this variant of the disease in older age

groups, especially those in which dementia is more orevalent. Other vulnerable groups

The committee also considered the following groups: the immunosuppressed, patients in hospital and pregnant women. It concludes that, in its judgment, if human infection with the BSE agent occurs, none of these groups is likely to have any increased susceptibility to infection. \*kuru, CJD, scrapie, trans-

missible mink encephalopathy, BSE The younger generation and

parental concern The committee is aware that the public want to be reassured, most especially about the risks to the younger generation. Parents are naturally concerned about the risks to their own children. No human activity is without some risk; if the Government rigorously enforces the current and newly recommended controls, we believe that this risk is likely to be extremely small; however the committee recognises that parents will often choose to reduce risk to their children

beyond that which they are prepared to accept for themselves. It is important to be aware that many foods are associated with health risks. and that changing from beef to non-beef products is not necessarily without risk. Cattle over 30 months

The committee reconfirmed its recommendation that cartle aged over 30 months must be deboned in licensed plants, and went on to recommend that the trimmings, comprising the obvious nervous and lymphatic tissue) including the 14 lymph nodes specified in EC trade legislation) and the vertebral column (excluding tail vertebraet should be treated as specified bovine offal (SBO). Other bones do

not need to be treated as SBO if they can be separated from the vertebral column, without cross contamination.

It also recommended that the whole head of animals aged over six months of age, except for the tongue (provided that it is removed with contamination), should be treated as specified bovine The committee asked Gov-

ernment to ensure that the relevant authorities have the necessary statutory authority to enforce fully these recommendations and the existing

The committee reviewed the use of gelatin produced from non-SBO bovine material with the assistance of an expert from the Medicines Control Agency (MCA). It concluded that this material was safe for use in pharmaceutical and medical devices as well as food, given the large reduction in theoretical infectivity in the production of gelatin. It noted that the MCA will be review-ing the use of gelatin and tallow [in] May 1996. Mest and bone meal

The committee confirmed its previous advice that the use of mammalian meat and bone meal should be prohibited in any circumstances where there might be a risk of the material being fed to or ingested by ruminants. In particular, it must not be incorporated into any feed for any farmed animals, including fish or horses, or into fertiliser likely to be used on land to which ruminants have access.

The committee therefore advise the Government:

a) To ensure that all the restrictions previously recommended, those of March 20. 1996 and in this document, are fully implemented and sustained. If this is ensured, any BSE-related risk from eating any beef or beef products is likely to be extremely small. b) To reinforce immediately the surveillance of CJD and associated epidemiological research, commensurate with the emerging medical, social and economic importance of

this disease. c) That these issues will require long-term, basic and applied research. Both the immediate and the long-term research needs will require substantial additional re-sources. It is important that there should be no delays due to difficulties in obtaining resources.

The committee does not believe that additional measures are justified at this stage, but the situation needs to be kept under careful review so that additional significant information can be taken into account as soon as it becomes

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# Ignorance clouds official advice

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

THE advice given by the Government's advisory committee on BSE rests on shakier foundations than Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, sought to imply in his state-ment to the Commons yesterday.

Mr Dorrell emphasised that his actions have been dictated by the scientific facts. Yet the committee's advice is three quarters opinion and only about a quarter fact. the in its statement,

Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee makes clear that it does not know how high the species barrier between cows and man is; how infective the different cuts of beef may be; how infection is distributed even within a single cut; and how quickly infectivity of beef rises in the period before BSE symptoms become clear.

Given this ignorance, the committee has been forced to fall back on first principles in assessing risk. In general, says Dr John Wilson, a consultant neurologist at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London - and not a member of the group — infants are not at greater risk of contracting brain infections than adults. In encephalitis, for example,

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children aged three are least likely to get it. Older children are more susceptible. "This may be something to do with immune function rather than brain function," he says.

From arguments of this kind, the committee concluded that children are at no greater risk than adults. Yet one of the few real facts before them was that all the ten cases identified are in younger people, with an average age of 27. It is not clear why no cases

of this previously unrecognised variant have been found in older patients," the statement says. Three possible explanations are offered: dif-ferent dietary habits, reduced susceptibility in this group, or the fact that this variant has so far not been noticed in older people.

The second of these, how-

ever, implies that younger people may be more susceptible, exactly the possibility the committee has just dismissed. They square this is by pointing out that if the infections were acquired between 1982 and 1989 — as they assume — then some of the victims were children and some were young adults at the time. On this basis, children per se are not at greater risk.



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# leaders frozen out by China

By JONATHAN MIRSKY

NONE of Hong Kong's democrats will be allowed to sit on the Legislative Council that China will appoint to replace the present wholly elected one, a Peking official announced yesterday.

The "provisional" legislature will be selected late this year or early in 1907 and will go into session immediately, proposing and abolishing laws while the current body is still sitting. For at least the last six months of colonial rule, therefore, Hong Kong will have two Legislative Councils at constant odds with each other.

Hong Kong democrats have voiced outrage at the announcement by Lee Wui-ting assistant direcfor of the New China News Agency, which is China's de facto embassy in Hong Kong. Mr Lee is also on the 150-member Preparatory Committee, made up of Hong Kong and mainland Peking appointees, which is drawing up plans for Hong Kong's post-1997 administration. Democrats were also excluded from that.

The committee formally declared two days ago that the existing 60-member Legislative Council would be wound up on July I. 1997 — two years short of its statutory term. Chris Patten, the colony's Governor, denounced that decision as a "black day for Hong Kong" and a disguise for keeping democrats, who won the largest number of votes in last year's council elections, off its successor.

Martin Lee, the Democratic Party chairman and a leading QC, said yesterday that he might contest the decision in the courts as a violation of past Sinothe Basic Law - Peking's mini-constitution for post-

But he added that "all those excluded should feel proud" that they would not be serving on a puppet

# Democrat Peking ends military manoeuvres off Taiwan

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

CHINA announced last night that its war games were over, temporarily halting moves to Taiwan, which completed a historic presidential election at the weekend.

The action pushed the issues dividing China and Taiwan into the political rather than the military arena. Peking's

#### WAR GAMES

land, sea and air exercises last week in the northwest corner of the Taiwan Strait were the last of a series that began last year. But military observers in the Chinese capital said the latest war games never quite reached the scale of the earlier ones, either because of financial constraints or even political infighting in the Chinese Communist Party hierarchy.

The United States, which had dispatched two naval battlegroups to the area to counter China's intimidation of Taiwan, acted yesterday to ease tensions by signalling inuminent pullout. The USS Independence will return to her base in Japan within a few days, said a Pentagon official in Washington, while the USS Nimitz will conduct routine operations around

Taiwan for another week and then sail for America.

It is unusual for Washington to announce such flee movements in advance and indicates a willingness to collaborate in ending the stand-

off with China.

Peking also appeared yesterday to be cooling its rhetoric against Taiwan, with statecontrolled newspapers toning down the vitriolic attacks on Lee Teng-hui, the Taiwanese President and leader of the ruling Kuomintang (Nationalist) Party who won the election with 54 per cent of the vote.

Nevertheless, in a cautious analysis of the result, the Chinese media claimed victory for Peking's uncompromising stance against what it perceives as Taiwan's push for independence. The official Xinhua news agency said: "During the election, Lee Teng-hui had to declare time and again that he will not seek China's reunification, that he will not pursue Taiwan independence", and that after winning the election he will try to improve cross-straits relations." However, one analyst in Peking said that "in effect, China is putting the best face

The Xinhua commentary The Communist leaders



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which indicated that China's military aggression had boosted support for Mr Lee. Peking. which accuses him of being a "splittist". was infuriated when he undertook a trip to Cornell University, his American alma mater, last year and angry at the Clinton White House for enabling the visit.

feared that President Lee was 21 per cent secured by Peng raising Taiwan's international profile to a degree that they

regarded as unacceptable. Although two Taiwanese candidates, Lin Yang-kang and Chen Li-an, who ran on an anti-independence ticket, only managed to finish third and fourth in the four-man race, Xinhua took comfort that their combined result of 24.8 per cent was greater than the Ming-min, the staunchest proindependence candidate.

Foreign diplomats in Peking do not rule out the possibility of the military holding more war games soon, possibly along areas of its coast where the topography resembles that of Taiwan's.

For the moment, however, they believe that the worst may be over, and that China and Taiwan will resume lowlevel, semi-official dialogue, suspended last year in response to Mr Lee's foreign diplomatic push for recognition of Taiwan. An imminent summit is ruled out because of

China continues to maintain that, if Taiwan accepts the principle of eventual reunification, "relations could be eased and we could move on to

reservations on both sides.

discuss other things". Shen Guofang, the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman, said at the weekend. For the present, that is as far as the apparent easing in tensions between the two may reach.

In his regular briefing to journalists today, Mr Shen could reveal Peking's strategy in the post-election era. Few

# Taipei baits Communists with offer of unity in four years



FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN TAIRES

IF PEKING opts for democracy, Taiwan maintains that it is prepared to offer the ultimate goal of reunification with the mainland.

The latest Taiwanese official to state this tenet, which the Communist Chinese leadership will find hard to accept, is James Soong, elected Governor of Taiwan last year. He said yesterday: "We want to tell the Communist Party that China will reunify very soon. Four years from now we can unify. As long as China can make up its mind four years from now to elect the president of all China with all the Chinese in

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real reunification of China." Although Mr Soong, a close ally of President Lee Teng-hui, was reiterating Taipei's long-held view that China can reunity only under a democratic system, it marked the first time that a date had been

officially mooted. But Taiwanese officials know full well that China has made it clear since the brutal crushing of prodemocracy demonstrators in Tiananmen Square in 1989 that it does not regard Western-style democracy as an option. For Taiwan also, there

Taiwan -- that will be the time of the are inherent problems regarding the question of reunification. Taiwanese voters, who overwhelmingly backed pro-independence candidates in Saturday's election, will not accept such

a timetable as set out by Mr Soong. The electorate is wary of getting too close to the mainland, especially after the events of the last weeks when Chinese missiles crashed into the seas off Taiwan's shores and the People's Liberation Army staged

What the majority of Talwanese seek is peaceful co-existence. Postelection opinion polis yesterday

respondents back moves towards peace and bilateral agreements governing shipping, trade and easier

They would like to see Taiwan taking its place at international meetings and sports events. In return, they are prepared to forgo United Nations recognition — which President Lee is allegedly trying to secure for a \$1 billion (£653 million) contribution. The UN is unlikely to readmit Taiwan since it recognises mainland China.

The Taiwanese would also want their leader to be able to make highprofile visits abroad — like the trip President Lee made to his American

gered the present crisis, without affronting mainland China or any other country.
Last week Lien Chan, then Tai-

wanese Prime Minister, who is now Mr Lee's Vice-President, told journalists that "a peace agreement" might be concluded between the two sides. But he refused to divulge what such an agreement might include.

For the present, it is difficult to imagine Peking's leaders, who must be smarting from the failure of their attempt to intimidate Taiwan's voters into rejecting Mr Lee, taking part in a peace conference with Taiwan at which they demanded anything less than a show of fealty.

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# Call by Bossi for breakaway state enrages Italians

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

WITH a month to go before the Italian election. Umberto Bossi, the fiery leader of the Northern League, yesterday caused uproar by declaring his aim was a separate state carved out of northern Italy to be called "Padania".

The move was condemned by Left and Right, and caused a breach with his chief lieutenant, Irene Pivetti. the Speaker of parliament.

'A nation is born," Signor Bossi declared at a rally in Pontida, near Milan, to roars of approval from 25,000 followers, waving the medieval standards of Piedmont, Tuscany and Lombardy. Until now, he has always been ambigious about whether he wants outright secession or only a form of regional autonomy. From humble beginnings in the 1980s, Signor Bossi has built skilfully on northern resentment of rule from Rome and union with the poorer South, transforming the League from a marginal protest force to a national movement with 76 seats in parliament.

His party was a key partner in the 1994 centre-Right coali-tion led by Silvio Berlusconi, whom it brought down by withdrawing.

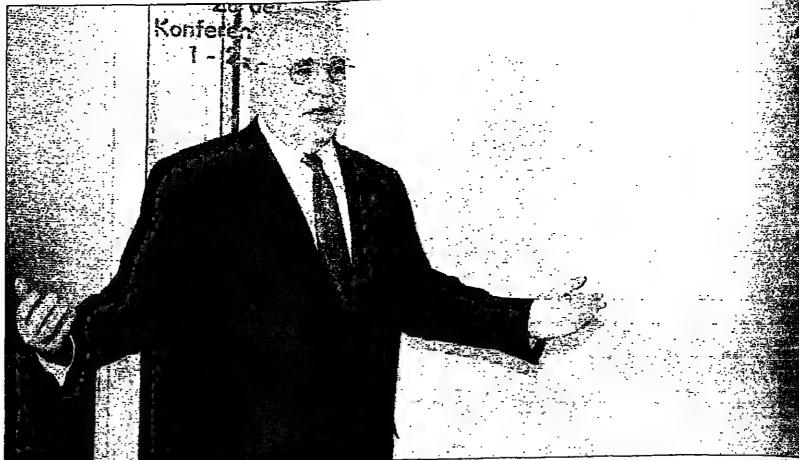
However. Signora Pivetti said Signor Bossi's proposal for a separate state was a violation of Italy's federal constitution. She left the platform at Pontida, later claiming she had visited the cooks preparing food for the rally. Signor Bossi remarked angrily that anyone who did not wish to join him was "welcome to leave", to which she retorted

that Signor Bossi, known for his crude, demagogic style, was becoming more authoritarian than ever. Padania, the ancient Italian term for the Po valley, would contain the most powerful industries of Italy, its best agricultural land, almost all its financial wealth and its greatest cities: Venice, the proposed capital. Turin, Milan, Bologna and Genoa. The Northern League al-

ready holds a regular "parlia-ment" in Mantua, and is stoking a tax revolt against Rome. Romano Prodi and Signor Berlusconi, the mainleaders of Left and yesterday acknowledged growing protests over high taxation by holding a televised debate on fiscal policy to coincide with widespread protests by shopkeepers. Shutters came down on shops for two hours yesterday in the latest show of resentment.

However, the chances of Padania joining the other new-born nations of Europe are slim. La Stampa said Signor Bossi had hardened his secessionist line to give his movement fresh electoral momentum. The League has refused to make electoral pacts, hoping to bargain its way into the next coalition, but polls suggest that its support has fallen.

The League is increasingly competing on its home ground with the neo-Fascist Alleanza Nazionale, led by the shrewd and polished Gianfranco Fini, who is expected to gain votes next month. Many people in the North, La Repubblica said, "say they want secession, but will actually vote for Fini".



Helmut Kohl, who continues to cast a large shadow over German politics, in expansive mood at a meeting with the press yesterday.

# Poll wins put spring in Kohl's step

HELMUT KOHL was beaming again yesterday. The irritability of the past month which has sent his aides scurrying for cover, seems to have been banished by the Christian Democrats' gains at the weekend's regional

For the Christian Democrats to pass a stern mid-term test in three of Germany's most difficult regional states was certainly cause for celebra-tion. To send the Social Democrats reeling in the middle of an economic slowdown, with unemployment edging fast towards a new postwar record of 4.5 million - that was a real achievement for the Chancellor.

And surely there could be no greater contribution to a stable future than the strong performance of the Free Democrats, Herr Kohl's Junior partners,

The Free Democrats' unexpectedly good showing in local elections may encourage them to believe that now is the time to desert the coalition with the Christian Democrats, Roger Boyes writes

day. Herr Kohl's party executive was busily ticking off other positive as-pects, the thrashing of the Eurosceptical Social Democrats in Baden Württemberg, for example.

And yet there are whispers of doubt. First, Germany's political system ensures that governments are almost always changed in mid-term. That means now or, conceivably, in 2000 after winning the 1998 election.

The arguments for a switch now have, if anything, been fortified by Sunday's regional elections. For some time the Free Democrats have been losing confidence and direction, the talk of the past six months has been of a grand Social Democrat-Christian Democrat coalition in Bonn, predicat-

From this week, however, the Free Democrats have bargaining power. The small party could, it is being argued, gain much from dissolving the alliance with Herr Kohl and

ed on the collapse of the Free

making common cause with the Social

It is not difficult to see how the divorce from the Chancellor could come. Herr Kohl has already announced that there will be "massive spending cuts" and unpopular tax increases. The Free Democrats, in so far as they stand for anything are militantly against increasing the personal tax burden on Germans.

Yesterday, Herr Kohl seemed to be bursting with strength. But in coalition politics there is always an open question as to whether a bottle is half full, or half empty. There are those in Bonn who view Herr Kohl's Government as more than half empty and at home it has reached the limits of its reforming zeal.

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# Chirac argues for European 'social model'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

PRESIDENT CHIRAC yesterday insisted that France was on track for economic and monetary union and called for a new "European social model" to harmonise labour and welfare laws within the

"In Paris, as in Bonn, we are be on time for our rendezvous with monetary Europe," M Chirac wrote in Liberation ence (IGC) begins in Turin. In

France announced yesterday that its borders with Germany and Spain would be opened in line with the Schengen accord (Ben Macintyre writes). But as the row between Paris and The Hague over "lax" Dutch drugs policy reached new intensity. France said it would retain controls on Benelux frontiers.

a swipe at British, Spanish and Italian businesses that have taken advantage of devaluations against the franc. M Chirac also said that a compulsory exchange rate system should be set up between the euro and the currencies of countries unable to join the single currency in 1999.

France will present proposals to punish those breaking the necessary common disci-

The French President's call for a "genuine European so-cial model" will not sit well with the British Government, which remains strongly oprights under the EU.
This project rests on a

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far stronger endorsement of the public's social and cultural aspirations." M Chirac wrote. 10 CUE 1727 CU President has come under increasing pressure to define

his European views, both from opposition Socialists and within the ruling coalition. M Chirac's article returned

to some of his election campaign themes by placing renewed emphasis on job creation and the need to address social issues in order to build a "Europe that reassures and protects".

The proposals for a "European social model" came days after Philippe Seguln, the parliamentary Speaker, accused the Government of reneging on campaign pledges to make jobs a priority. M Seguin said that, with unemployment at 11.8 per cent, it was "regrettable" that "employment is not the primary objective of public

Alain Juppe, the Prime Minister, has said that a paper outlining proposals on unemployment, immigration and labour relations in Europe would be drawn up this week to be presented at the IGC.

While firmly nailing his colours to the monetary union mast. in other respects M Chirac's article steered a careful middle course between the pro-European and Euro-scep-tic wings of his party.



### Giscard to resign as party chief

Giscard: forced to give

BY BEN MACINTYRE

FRANCE'S only surviving former President, Valery Giscard d'Estaing, 70, appeared to be heading grudgingly towards political retirement yesterday, squeezed out by ambitious younger rivals.

After months of equivocation, he was expected to announce last night that he would not seek re-election as head of the Union for French Democracy (UDF), the umbrella group comprising five centre-right parties that he

founded 18 years ago. The man who led France between 1974 and 1981 delayed announcing whether he would seek another term until the last moment. But in recent years his popularity has dwindled and two strong candidates, the former Cabinet ministers François Léotard and Alain Madelin, have thrown their hats in the ring.

The party elects a new leader this Sunday in Lyons and M Léotard is widely expected to win.

# Rome urges EU to allow flexibility and scrap red tape

FROM ROSEMARY RIGHTER IN VENICE

THE British Government's rision of a more flexible multidimensional union will have backing at Turin from an unexpected quarter on Saturday: the Italian presidency. The first clear indications of

the Italian Government's agenda for the inter-governmental conference were set out at an Anglo-Italian seminar in Boris Biancheri-Chiappori, a former Ambassador to Britain who now heads the Italian Foreign Office.

Governments, he said, must be prepared "to conceive a Europe that is different from the one we have been living with, one in which diversity was preserved and red tape kept under far stricter control. Governments should be free. within the general objective of greater European integration. to choose how closely they wanted to co-operate in many

areas of policy. Enlargement of the EU, to which Signor Biancheri gave italy's unequivocal support, was "unthinkable at the speed required unless we accept differentiation". he said. Equally, it should be possible "for two or more governments to forge particularly close links in particular areas", as they had with the Schengen accord. There was no reason

to the cohesion of the Union. Each country should be free to decide if, how, and when to move forward — whether this was in foreign policy, defence, or social policy. Monetary union set a precedent that could be extended. This would enable early enlargement

to see such moves as a threat

without putting a brake on countries that wanted to move

Italy's goal for the conference, he said, was to equip Europe for diversity through simplifying and rationalising its laws and procedures. The EU should be more selective about embarking on new policies and directives, and it which it did take more seriously. Italy hoped that the conference, which Signor Biancheri expected to last about 18 months, would strip down and simplify the Maastricht treaty, and review both the size and the rules on representative-

ness governing the European Commission. Significantly, his speech made no reference to the European Parliament, whose powers Germany wishes to see enlarged, and although he did give Italian support to extensions of qualified majority voting, he said that deci-sions in foreign policy could only be binding on countries

that agreed. Signor Biancheri's speech. which has the official backing of the Italian Government, is a marked departure from the orthodox Italian position. Corriere della Sera described it as "a cold shower on the dream of a federal Europe".

in an indirect rebuff to German references to an "inner core" of European states. Signor Biancheri said that it was pointless and damaging to rank countries in A and B categories; not every country would be in the vanguard on everything, and Italy should learn to live with this.

### **Seconds** out for

summer. By Christopher Walker IN JERUSALEM

EVEN changing clocks to summer time has become a matter of conflict in the Middle East, not only between Jews and Arabs, but even between Jews

The Palestinian Authority, which controls large areas of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, waited a week after moved its clocks forward one hour before doing the

The intervening period? was one of farcical confision with Palestinian, lie raeli and international representatives often at riving for meetings at

different times. A new group, calling itself Palestinians in the Defence of Arab Jerusaiem, sent an angry letter to Yassir Arafat, president of the Palestinian Authority. charging United Nations organisations working in east Jerusalem — territory annexed by Israel after. the 1967 war — with changing their clocks to Israeli summer time.

"Such an act is consider ered a political statement on the status of east Jerusalem." the letter said.

Not to be outdone in the use of the clock as a political weapon, some ultra-Orthodox Jewish groups, whose members do not recognise the legitimacy of the Zionist state. also refused to advance the hour towards summer time at the same time as the rest of Israel.

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Insurer agrees £800m deal

# Halifax bid wins Clerical Medical

By Patricia Tehan, banking correspondent

THE Halifax, Britain's biggest building society, has emerged as victor in the auction for Clerical Medical with a deal that values the life assurance mutual at E800 million.

At least 600,000 with-profits policyholders will receive a special bonus that will increase the ultimate value of their policies. For a typical E30,000 with-profit endowment policy that has been in force for 15 years this special bonus will be £2,172

The bonus will be paid to those who had with-profit policies in force at midnight on March 22, 1996 and which remain in force at midnight on December 31, 1996.

Halifax, which is financing the deal from cash resources, is making a £730 million contribution to the Clerical Medical's with-profit fund and injecting £70 million as shareholders' capital. Of the

make up the special bonus and £160 million will be allocated to increase the ultimate value of the policies

when they mature. The deal came as a surprise to City observers as NatWest had been widely seen as frontrunner. However, analysts said that given Halifax's late entry into life insurance, the deal made sense.

Clerical Medical put itself up for sale last year after a strategic review. Robert Walther, the chief executive, said that "we were concerned that there might come a point in the future where we might become constrained by our lack of capital". He said Clerical Medical and its adviser, Schroders, highlighted a need to invest more freely in equities, which have a greater return than gilts. However, to do so requires a larger solvency ratio. It also recognised the need for additional working 1730 million, £111 million will capital and the need to demon-

# Bonus bonanza for policyholders

CLERICAL Medical's withprofits savers could receive additional bonuses up to £4,000 during the life of their policy. Of the £800 million which the Halifax is paying to acquire the investment group, Elli million will be put towards a special reversionary bonus. Three equal extra bonus payments will be paid to with-profits policyholders at the end of December 1997, 1998 and 1999.

A further £160 million will be used to pay a terminal bonus when the policy matures: the sum for each policyholder could be as much, or more, than the special reversionary bonus, but will depend on the size and maturity of the policy.

Clerical Medical has £14

billion of assets under management. The Halifax deal increases Clerical Medical's free assets for investment from £723 million to £1.2 billion.

Clerical Medical does not have any "orphan" funds, amounts in a with-profits life

funds beyond what is needed to meet the reasonable expectations of policyholders, because it is a mutual whose assets are wholly owned by its

policyholders.

Clerical Medical policyholders are not the first to benefit from the restructuring of the life industry. Legal & General's 1.4 million with-profits policyholders will enjoy a £160 million special bonus when funds are shared.

Six million Prudential policyholders may benefit from a stake of the Pru's "orphan" funds, estimated at between £500 million and £5 billion, which might give them an extra £300 each.

Britannic and Refuge are already discussing similar action. Provident Mutual policyholders received a payout when their fund was acquired by General Accident, and both Royal Insur-ance and Commercial Union are looking at redistributing their surplus

strate its strength to "commen tators and independent financial advisers".

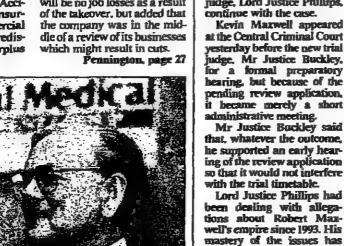
Mr Walther said the insurer evaluated 40 potential partners. It weeded the number down and examined "a limited number", believed to be six, of indicative bids. These included NatWest and Abbey National. He said Halifax offered the highest price and the best fit for Clerical Medical.

For Halifax the deal is seen as a move to diversify earnings away from mortgages and to position itself as a broadly based financial services provider. It follows hard on the heels of its merger last year with the Leeds, but will be completed before next spring's stock mar-ket flotation. Jon Foulds, chairman of Halifax, said the acquisition of Clerical Medical will enhance earnings and therefore the value of shares to be distributed to members when we become a plc." He said Halifax does not distribute through the independent financial adviser market "and this gap will be filled by the acquisition of Clerical

ters to its policyholders yesterday. Details of the deal will be spelled out in a circular in May. An extraordinary meeting will be held in June. A
High Court hearing to approve the plans is likely in
October and completion is expected on December 31.

The insurer has had difficulty identifying how many of its policyholders are eligible to vote and will therefore benefit from the special bonus. It sent out 625,000 letters yesterday. but estimated that it has 600,000 with-profits policies and up to 100,000 more that have a with-profits element should also benefit. That leaves an estimated 300,000 with non-profits policies who

will not receive a bonus. The Clerical Medical brand name will remain and, along with Halifax Financial Ser vices, the company will be renamed Clerical Medical Investment Group. The management team will remain in place. Mr Walther said there will be no job losses as a result of the takeover, but added that which might result in cuts.



Jon Foulds of the Halifax, left, with Michael Hamilton, chairman of Clerical Medical



Sir Colin Marshall, chairman, and Philip Cushing, new chief executive, yesterday

#### Maxwell to Directors opposed to early move on EMU same judge LAWYERS for Kevin Max-

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

well are challenging the appointment of the new judge due to try him later this year BRITAIN'S company direcon further charges resulting from the collapse of his tors are strongly opposed to the United Kingdom signing up to a single currency in 1999

— though business across father's business empire. Alun Jones, QC, yesterday said that they were seeking judicial review, arguing that Europe is united in wanting

top of the European agenda. In a survey published yes-terday by the Institute of nal" for the Lord Chancellor not to let the original trial judge, Lord Justice Phillips, Directors, company directors said they have "major reservacontinue with the case. Kevin Maxwell appeared tions" about a single currency. at the Central Criminal Court and believe that Britain should not join the first wave yesterday before the new trial judge, Mr Justice Buckley, for a formal preparatory hearing, but because of the of European member states in economic and monetary union. In a survey of its pending review application, constituent branches, the inbecame merely a short stitute of Directors said that Mr Justice Buckley said

fight for

it was "unlawful and irratio-

ecution teams, but he has

now been promoted to a Lord Justice of Appeal.

he supported an early hearing of the review application so that it would not interfere with the trial timetable. Lord Justice Phillips had policy "inherent" in economic been dealing with allegaand monetary union. tions about Robert Maxwell's empire since 1993. His mastery of the issues has impressed defence and pros-

The Institute of Directors added that a "small minority" participate fully in monetary union from the outset, claiming that the Government's current opt-out is harming Britain's ability to influence

the issue. British business is divided over Europe, with business bodies such as the employers said yesterday that the IGC must focus on creat-Confederation of British Ining jobs and growth. dustry maintaining that inployers body, said that comdustry is generally more pro-European than are business petitiveness must be the central aim of the IGC. Adair bodies such as the free-market Institute of Directors, which Turner, Director-General of the CBI, which is the UK's

says that business remains sceptical. Business opposition said that the United Kingdom should not sign up to a single currency on the planned date of 1999, with "widespread concern" about the loss of control of Britain's monetary

to the EU social chapter is particularly entrenched, the Institute of Directors said, with 94 per cent of those questioned insisting that Britain's social chapter opt-out should be maintained at all

Britain is expected to come under strong pressure to drop the opt-out at the intergovernmental conference (IGC) that

Inchcape head goes as profit dives 92% By Alasdair Murray CHARLES MACKAY re-

Incheape yesterday after the company revealed a 92 per cent drop in full-year profits and cut its dividend by a The struggling motor car distribution and international trading company also an-nounced it would float or demerge Bain Hogg, its insurance subsidiary, and sell-off

signed as chief executive of

end of the year, raising around £500 million. Mr MacKay is replaced by Philip Cushing, who was previously managing director. Mr Mackay, who will serve as deputy chairman until June, is expected to receive a pay-off in the region of £800,000.

Sir Colin Marshall, chairman of Inchcape since January, said the group had decided its management structure was "top-heavy". He added: "As a consequence, Charles Mackay agreed to step down."

In the past year, the com-pany has left the FT-SE 100 after the share price collapsed from a high of more than 600p. But the action taken yesterday impressed the City and shares in the company rose 10p to close at 272p.
Inchcape blamed weak demand and margin pressures caused by the high value of the

Yen, for the slump in profits from £228.4 million in 1994 to EI7.4 million last year. Exceptional charges totalled £130 million, EIS million more than previously revealed. Inchcape made provision for £65 million in restructuring charges in-cluding 2,000 job losses.

Inchcape's total dividend falls to 10p (15p). A final of 4p (9p) is payable on July I.

starts on Friday. Europe's

Unice, the European em-

member of Unice, said: "The

Unice report proves that busi-

nesses across Europe share a

common goal" of strengthen-

But the Unice report en-

dorses the achievement of

economic and monetary

union, though the CBI argues

Robin Geldard, president of

the British Chambers of Com-

merce, said yesterday that companies in the UK were still

unaware of the impact on

He said they "still don't

know what a single currency

would do for their business".

They had witnessed the polit-

ical battles over convergance

criteria, but there had been

little debate "over how a single

currency would affect them",

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### Liquidators for BCCI may recover further \$1bn

By PATRICIA TEHAN

A GROUP of creditors of the collapsed Bank of Credit & Commerce International yesterday attempted to queuejump, demanding in the High Court that their claims be paid in full before other creditors receive a payment.

Four separate creditors — a group of Islamic banks. a group of former employees, the IML, the Luxembourg monetary authority, and a claim on behalf of the Panamanian Government — are demanding that their claims be met before a dividend is paid to other creditors.

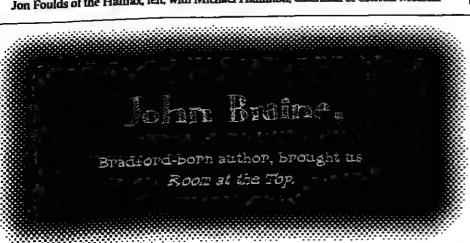
If they succeed, their claims could delay payment of a first dividend in the liquidation of BCCI which had been due in May or June.

Michael Crystal, counsel for Deloitte & Touche, the liquidators, told the court that the liquidators had so far recovered \$244 million from the US and, when asked by the judge, Vice-Chancellor Sir Richard Scott, how much more they expected, Mr Crystal said: We think, on a conservative basis, some \$350 to \$400 million and, in a less conservative scenario, it could be as

much as \$1 billion." Part of the recoveries will be put towards increasing the \$2 billion pool of money from which BCCl creditors will be paid a dividend.

Mr Crystal spent the first day of the hearing, which is expected to continue until at least Thursday, setting out the background of the case and then began dealing with claims from various Islamic banks.

The liquidators have made net recoveries of \$3.3 billion since the collapse.



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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

PHILIPS shares plummeted vesterday after Europe's biggest consumer electronics group warned investors that first-quarter

earnings would fall sharply. Jan Timmer, president, said net

income from normal business operations would be substan-

tially below last year's first quarter, reflecting a weak consum-

Philips shares hit

by profit warning

**Complaints** 

fuel pressure

for gas code

of conduct

# Investors Compensation Scheme declares five firms in default

# Adviser crashes with debts of £2m

By Robert MILLER

LGL Securities, a firm of financial advisers that allegedly put money belonging to 250 investors into high-risk Canadian mining and commodity shares, against their wishes, has crashed with debts of more than £2 million.

LGL Securities, which traded from Marlborough, Wiltshire, until last summer, is one of five firms officially declared "in default" yesterday by the

PRESSURE yesterday grew for

gas companies to implement a

marketing code of conduct

after complaints against Sweb-gas, which will supply gas in the competitive market in the South West, reached "unprece-

Ofgas, the gas watchdog,

will urge the industry to abide

by marketing standards after

an investigation by Devon trading officers found that 152

customers had complained

about aggressive doorstep sell-

ing by Swebgas.

The watchdog has a duty to take account of the consumer

interest in licensing public gas supply but it ruled out retro-

spective action against Sweb-

Rise and

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the Pep

By ANNE ASHWORTH

PERSONAL equity plans (Peps) accounted for more

than 80 per cent of total

unit trust sales of £564

million in February, as

investors hurried to use up

their annual Pep allow-

ances before the end of the

There is now a record

£119.6 billion invested in

unit trusts, against £89.2

billion a year ago, accord-

ing to figures released

yesterday by the Associ-ation of Unit Trusts and

Investment Funds (Autifi.

The total invested in Peos

is £18.6 billion, up from £12

billion in February 1995.

There are now 6.83 million

unit holders, against 6.19

million a year ago. The numbers have tripled over

a decade; in February 1986,

there were 2.64 million

Total Pep sales in Febru-

ary were £468 million, up

by £164 million on the

January figure. In February 1995, Pep sales were

Corporate bond Peps,

which invest in fixed inter-

est stocks issued by com-

panies, accounted for 35

per cent (£163 million) of

sales, another record. After

just £96 million.

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dented numbers".

Investors Compensation which in fact belonged to the Scheme (ICS). The ICS, is the ultimate safety net for investors who lose money through bad advice, theft or fraud.

It is alleged that LGL Securities acted "negligently" in using private client money to buy shares in mining and commodity stocks on the Vancouver Stock Exchange in a high-risk transaction not sanctioned by investors. It is also alleged that LGL Securities then pledged the shares,

gas, which is a division of the

regional electricity company,

because the company halted

its doorstep campaign after the Gas Consumers Council

A spokesman said: "The

issue of a voluntary code of

practice on marketing is im-

portant but we feel that Sweb-

gas took the necessary action

while we were granting the

licences. So no action against

sent its report on the activities

of Swebgas to the Office of

Fair Trading, which has the

power to force companies to

refrain from unacceptable

marketing. Devon, which is in

the vanguard of domestic gas

competition, is keen that na-

tionwide standards are draft-

ed after its findings. Steve

Butterworth, director of trad-

ing standards and consumer

protection for the county, said: "We are seeing a completely new phenomenon and it is

important that sufficient

Gas Consumers Council, said:

The supply of energy to

people's homes is a public

service. It must not be deval-

ued by forceful agency sales-

men selling on commission at

the front door." Establishment

of marketing standards will

also have important implica-

tions for open competition in

the electricity market. Derek Lickorish, director of

customer service at Swebgas,

said: "Swebgas announced its

voluntary decision to perma-

nently stop all unsolicited

door-to-door sales in the gas

trial area of Devon, Cornwall

and Somerset nearly three weeks ago. This decisive ac-

tion followed an earlier sus-

pension of such sales activity

announced on February 15."

guidelines are in place." Ian Powe, director of the

Devon County Council has

the company will be taken."

highlighted complaints.

investors, to a major Wall Street brokerage firm as security against other share dealings that the company carried out in the US and in other markets, including those in

the Far East What money has been found in LGL Securities, including \$2 million of US stock. has been frozen pending the outcome of legal action over ownership rights between the Wall Street firm and Ernst &

The ICS said that the five failed firms accounted for at least 300 investors and £3 million of potential claims. Since 1988, the compensation scheme has paid out £100 million to more than 9,000

In another ICS case, that of Independent Property Securi-ties, of London Wall, in the City, many investors put in considerably more than the

Young, joint liquidators to E48,000 ceiling paid out by the hotel and conference centre, LGL Securities.

E48,000 ceiling paid out by the hotel and conference centre, compensation scheme. The ventures where. company, which was authorised by Irnro, the watchdog for fund managers, sponsored, promoted and managed En-

terprise Zone Property Unit Trusts (EZPUTs), which, in spite of tax breaks, are extremely high-risk unregulated investment schemes. The ICS alleges that investors, including one couple who put up E200,000 for turning a listed building in Plymouth into a

were not told how risky such

The other firms declared in default are Harrison Hood & Co, of Waltham Cross, Hertfordshire: Colin Ivor Usherwood, trading as Graham Simmonds Insurance Services, from Folkestone, Kent: and Basegrowth, which traded as Pro-Tex and Pro-Tex Mortgage Services.

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# Star TV Chinese service

IN HONG KONG

THE News Corporation ves-

News Corp's Hong Kong-based Star TV yesterday launched Phoenix TV, a three-

Star will own 45 per cent of Phoenix, with an equal share being held by Today's Asia The privately-owned

Transmission will be via AsiaSats 1 and 2, which cur-

# launches

FROM TOM WALKER

terday took an important step in developing the mainland Chinese television market.

channel satellite service in The first Phoenix channel

of the month. Phoenix will then offer Star Sports, a joint venture with the US-based Liberty Media/Telecommunications international, later this year, along with a drama and movie channel. All three will initially be free to subscribers and will rely on advertising

Star said: "The idea is eventually to launch subscription television services, but that is some way down the track." News Corp is the ultimate owner of The Times.

"We are in no doubt that the time has come," said Gary Davey, chief executive of Star TV, whose facilities in China and the Asian region will be used to help to supply Phoenix with programmes. We have always hoped that, when the time was right, Star would play a leading role in the develop-ment of Chinese-language commercial television."

broadcasting entertainment, will be available from the end

Hong Kong media concern China Wise International will own 10 per cent. Today's Asia belongs to the Hong Kong garment maker Chan Wing Kee and the Singaporean Chinese Liu Chang Le.

rently deliver Star. Phoenix is looking for a new base in China, but, for the moment, programmes will be built up with the help of Star's existing joint-venture sports produc-tion facility in the northern port city of Tianjin, 70 miles from Peking.

# er electronics market in Europe and America and lower demand from the personal computer industry. Philips shares

closed 7.20 guilders, or 10.9 per cent, lower at 59 guilders (£23). Volume on the Amsterdam bourse was more than three times the daily average. Analysts said the announcement of lower first-quarter earnings was not wholly unexpected, but added that Philips seemed to be preparing investors for a fairly hefry decline when it publishes the results on April 24. Philips said it planned to do everything it could to avoid a fall in earnings for the full year. The company made a net profit on normal operations of 544 million guilders in the first quarter of 1995 and 2.68 billion guilders for the year.

### Jobs boost for Belfast

NORTHERN IRELAND was cheered yesterday by the announcement of an £8.5 million South Korean investment which promises 230 new jobs close to unemployment black spots of west and south Belfast. The YG-1 Tool Company of Seoul, which makes precision cutting tools for the aerospace and automotive industries, is to move into an existing factory between the depressed Catholic Twinbrook and Poleglass neighbourhoods. Production will begin in September and recruitment will take place over the next three years.

#### Aircraft order for AIR

AMERICA'S Continental Airlines has placed an order worth up to \$260 million for 20 ATR 42-500 aircraft with the threenation marketing group AIR, which is one-third owned by British Aerospace. The 50-seat planes will be assembled at Toulouse, France, by Aérospatiale and Alenia, its Italian partner. Continental will be the first American customer for the latest version of the regional plane. It has placed eight firm orders, and taken options for 12 more.

#### T&N verdict expected

A VERDICT is expected today on a High Court appeal by T&N against a £65,000 asbestos-related compensation award relating to its former JW Roberts subsidiary. The award was made in October to June Hancock who suffers from mesothelioma, an asbestos-related disease, and Evelyn Murgereson. widow of Arthur Murgereson, who died of the disease. Both won their claim, in a lower court, that JW Roberts knew of the harmful effects of asbestos dust at its Armley, Leeds, factory.

#### Lucas wins £650m orders

LUCAS INDUSTRIES has won orders worth £650 million over the next five years to supply leading carmakers with a new range of diesel pumps designed to cut vehicle emissions: The pumps, which use electronics to improve the timing at which fuel is injected into the engine cylinders, will be supplied from the Lucas plant at Blois, in France. They will be fitted to diesel versions of the Ford Mondeo, Flat Bravo and Brava, and the Renault Mégane.

### Bulmer buys Inch's

HP BULMER HOLDINGS, the drinks company, has bought the private Inch's Cider Company, for £23.3 million. Inch's, based in Devon, is the country's third largest cider producer with a 7 per cent market share. Inch's leading brand is White Lightning with an alcohol content of 8.4 per cent, against 5.3 per cent for Strongbow, Bulmer's leading brand. The acquisition will be funded by debt, raising Bulmer's gearing from 30 per cent to more than 70 per cent.

# Property firm ahead

CAPITAL AND REGIONAL PROPERTIES, the property investment and development company, increased pre-tax profits to £4.7 million in 1995 from £4.1 million in the previous year. Net assets rose to 186.2p a share from 183.5p. Martin Barber, chairman, said the sector's asset performance in 1995 did not fully reflect investment opportunities. but these would become apparent in 1996 and 1997. The total dividend is lifted to 2.5p from 2.1p, with a final 1.7p.

# **British Energy to pay** £230m for waste fund

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

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BRITISH ENERGY, the nuclear generating company that is about to be privatised, is to pay £230 million to start the fund to pay for the disposal of old power stations and

a slow start last summer. It will put £16 million a year the corporate bond Pep into the fund as part of Gov-ernment supulations for the sector is now valued at £770 million. Its popularity has been boosted by cuts sale of the reactors in the in building society savers' summer, Ian Lang, the Presirates which have forced dent of the Board of Trade, said yesterday. The fund, which was detailed last month investors who need an income to look elsewhere. by Tim Eggar, the Energy

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Minister, will take effect on privatisation.

Mr Lang outlined the exact officially opened the flagship of Britain's most modern nuclear plants - Sizewell B. the pressurised-water reactor station in Suffolk.

THE acquisition of the ports of Tilbury and Dundee in the

final quarter of 1995 helped

lift profits at Forth Ports by 10

million from £13.9 million de-

spite exceptional costs of £1.2 million related to the purchase

of Tilbury for £121.6 million

and of Dundee for £8.5 million.

Turnover rose to £47.3 million

Profits advanced to £15.3

per cent tax last year.

His official opening of the plant, which is already operating, comes as the Government and British Energy remain locked in talks over the level of debt that the company should take into the private sector.

#### Bid adviser for Polygram

Alistair Fleming steered Forth Ports to better profits despite exceptional costs

**Takeovers help Forth Ports** 

The privatised ports opera-

tor, where Alistair Fleming is chief executive, and which was also successful in a joint

venture bid for the purchase of the former naval buse at

Rosyth, has lifted the total

dividend 16 per cent to 11.6p, with an 8p final. Earnings,

from acquisitions.

from £35.7 million, with a before exceptional costs, rose £10.16 million contribution 6 per cent to 29.4p a share.

POLYGRAM, the Anglo-Dutch music and entertainment group, has hired CS First Boston, the Wall Street investment bank, to advise it on its expected bid for MGM/UA, the Hollywood film studio (Eric Reguly

Other potential suitors include Bertelsmann, the German media company, Char-geurs, of French which has a stake in BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster, and MGM/UA's management. Industry analysts say MGM/UA should tetch between \$1.5 billion and \$2.5 billion.

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### **Employment rights** cases hit new high

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S high levels of job insecurity are shown today in new evidence from the Government's independent conciliation service which declares it is now handling record numbers of employment rights cases, with a sharp increase in employees taking claims to industrial tribunals.

6 per cent to 29.4p a share.

Bill Thomson, chairman,

said the priority in 1996 was to

fully integrate acquisitions. Current trading had started well, he said. At Tilbury trad-

ing will benefit from the new

Bell and Geest container busi-

ness. Inquiries have already been received for port-related

work at Rosyth.

The Government is to issue soon a draft Bill proposing changes to the system of industrial tribunals, setting out legislative plans for great er use of conciliation before claims go to tribunals. The Advisory, Conciliation

and Arbitration Service says in its annual report that it dealt with record employment rights cases last year, with the total of 91,500, up 15 per cent

But in spite of the Government's plans, Acas says as many as 70 per cent of claims were withdrawn or settled, after conciliation by the service. The service's annual report says that the economic "feel-good" factor remains elusive, in part because of the depressed housing market. "but due mainly to increasing fears over job security across many sectors and most levels of employment."

While unfair dismissal cases fell in 1995 from 45,824 to 40,815. people claiming breaches of employment contract now form 17 per cent of the total caseload - the sharpest rise. Sex discrimination cases were up 9 per cent. Race discrimination cases fell 5 per

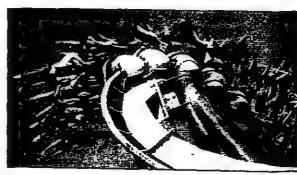
market information company, enjoyed a 33 per cent rise in operating profits on continuing activities. The figure grew to £7.4 million last year, after a 30 per cent increase in turnover to £80.1

At the pre-tax level, the group reported profits 5.4 per

Earnings were 5 per cent ahead at 202p. A final dividend of 0.35p makes a total of 0.7p (0.64p).

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### THE TIMES Take two children FREE to a Tussauds attraction



The Times, in association with Tussauds Group, offers readers a chance to take two children, in April (excluding Easter 5-8th inclusive) and May, free to any of Tussauds eight attractions saving up to £26.
Full details appeared in Saturday's Times, but the

simulated rock concerts and medieval pageants.

#### HOW TO APPLY

You need to attach four differently numbered tokens from The Times (no photocopies will be accepted) to a completed entry form which appeared on Saturday and in yesterday's paper. More tokens will be published daily until next next Saturday, March 30, 1996. Present them at the ticket office of the attraction you visit.

You are entitled to up to two free child entries per party when paying one full adult admission. The entry form plus tokens can only be used for one visit

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on 1994 -- itself a record year. following are the attractions you can enjoy, with the amount LEGAL NOTICES you would save off the price of tickets for two children in brackets: Chessington World of Adventures (save £26); Alton Gn Administrative Receivership:
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> cent ahead, at £6.5 million, after losses of £1.4 million last time, the result of acquisitions and costs of £600,000, which were incurred in the search for suitable non-European ac-

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☐ Determination wins day in Clerical Medical battle ☐ Euro out of favour with business ☐ Tough decisions at Inchcape

THE most intriguing question being asked yesterday after Halifax beat off rivals to win the prize of paying £800 million for Clerical Medical was why it reflected so well on NatWest. NatWest had been widely seen

NatWest had been widely seen as front-runner for Clerical Medical. The two know each other of old. When NatWest Life was formed three-and-a-half years ago Clerical Medical took 7.5 per cent with an £11.25 million investment and agreed to admin-ister life funds on behalf of NatWest Life. NatWest is now thought highly likely to take up its option to buy in the stake.

Abbey National was seen to be the stalking horse, to push up the price to be paid by NatWest. The bank, however, has made it clear over the past months that it is not prepared to pay high prices for anything, no matter how impressive the business or how good the fit. The market still expects NatWest to do a deal - there are other life businesses up for sale. The early rise in its shares reflects its unwillingness to pay over the odds.

And, at the end of the day, the Halifax was the more deter-mined. Its price was the highest in a close auction between six bidders whose price range was between E750 million and £800

After last year's merger with the Leeds, a large insurance

# Halifax beats careful NatWest

acquisition to be completed be-fore the end of this year and a flotation planned for the spring. the Halifax is looking much more impressive an organisation and certainly more commer-

cial — than of old. The Clerical Medical deal all makes sense for Halifax. It is better for the society to do this sort of deal before next spring's flotation. Its earnings were not in any sense diversified. It was late away from the starter's gun in setting up a life assurance business. This deal diversifies earnings and gives it a substantial market share which it did not have before. It looks overcapitalised, so to get some of its acquisitions completed before flotation is good news.

in many ways Halifax is a better parent for Clerical Medical than NatWest would have been. The Clerical Medical brand name is all the more important to Halifax because the society has no with-profits business of its own.

There are very few overlaps. The only obvious one is Clerical Medical's 130-strong direct sales force. This must be one of the

subjects of the strategic review that has been on-going since October last year. There is no logic in keeping it and it seems quite likely that this sales force will be merged with Halifax's own branch-based direct sales

Clerical Medical will be wellplaced to give a little extra help to the Halifax as it develops a with-profits type policy (obviously without the rights of ownership that such a policy held with a life mutual entails). It should help to give the Halifax a fine start when t is floated and goes straight into the FT-SE as the second or third largest bank next year.

#### No taste for an entrée of Emu

COULD Emu be Britain's best substitute for beef? Not according to business, which should, supposedly, be aching for sterling to join a single currency. The CBI found half its members dead against. So it is little surprise that a branch consultation by the Institute of Directors found four fifths of rePENNINGTON

spondents against joining the euro bloc from the start.

The beef débâcle is a reminder that national economic shocks did not end with the re-unification of Germany. Yet they are harder to deal with unless the regional economy concerned can allow its exchange rate to adjust.

As Britons are repeatedly reminded, however, the European currency project will not be based on economic tests, any more than the UK government's reaction to beef bans. In consequence, the euro promises to be an odd and messy currency. Unless the Bundesbank backs

a pre-1999 dash for growth with a discount rate cut on Thursday, joiners should be suffering from Maastricht deflation and will

hold shares at the parent level

Securicor said that the cur-

rent two-tier structure was un-

wieldy. Christopher Shirtcliffe.

finance director, said: This

restructuring will simplify the

group's management. We'll

He said that the new capital

structure should increase li-

quidity and make future financings easier. The minority

shareholders of Security Ser-

vices should benefit because

they will no longer hold an investment in a company with a controlling shareholder.

Mr Shirtcliffe said that

Securicor was being careful to would preserve all the tax

clearances obtained on the

proposed sale of the 40 per

cent interest in Cellnet held by Securicor and Security Services. Securicor PLC will now hold that stake directly, with

The clearances meant that Ceilnet, the second-largest mobile phone company, could be

sold without triggering capital

gains tax as long as most of the payment is not taken in cash.

vices last year agreed in principle to sell to BT their 40

per cent Celinet stake, which

accounted for most of their

operating profits, but the Government blocked the effort. It

appeared that it did not want

to give BT, the dominant phone company, the chance to become the dominant mobile

companies have expressed in-

terest in buying the Cellnet

stake, although no talks are

taking place. The market's belief that Cellnet is growing

in value has been lifting Secur-

icor shares since January.

They closed at £10.55, up 67p.

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phone operator as well. Securicor said that other

Securicor and Security Ser-

BT holding the rest.

have one less listed entity."

want to keep borrowings up to the limit thereafter. Nor is it an accident that members with no chance of making the start are among the most enthusiastic. The euro will become their main unofficial currency, causing hair to be torn out at the Frankfurt HQ. After a euphoric start, the euro might be cosily weak.

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For business, however, the clincher might be the temptation for Chancellors to interfere more if they can no longer pretend to run the economy via a monthly meeting with the Governor.

#### Friendship

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☐ IT DID not take Sir Colin Marshall long to put duty before long-term friendship. He took over as non-executive chairman of Inchcape, the beleaguered motors and insurance group, in January, and yesterday his hand was on the dagger that dispatched Charles Mackay, his chief executive, whom he has known for a lot longer than inchcape.

When Sir Colin joined the board as a non-exec in November, it could have been an all-too-cosy example of City networking. It was not Mackay, however, who has been chief executive

the same board table at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank when Mackay was on the Hongkong and Shanghai board and Sir Colin was on the board of Midland. They then both served on the Hongkong and Shanghai board, and came to know each other better as Mackay served as a non-executive director at BA when Sir Colin was chief executive. Memories of convivial meals shared, factfinding tours enjoyed and difficult joint decisions came second to the shareholders. They have had a rough ride at Incheape and deserved better, as do the 48,000 employees, who have faced un-

certainty and job losses as the

Sir Colin, no stranger to hard

company failed to find its way.

since 1991, who had introduced the British Airways chairman to his company. Outside headhunt-ers had been taken on to find someone tough enough to tackle the problems at the company. Mackay and Marshall go back a long way. They first sat around

decisions, is well aware of the flak that non-execs receive and deserve when they protect the interests of their mates ahead of their legal responsibilities to-wards the shareholders. After every corporate disaster, the cry goes up: "Who were the nongoes up: who were the non-exects and why didn't they stop it happening? Philip Cushing, who has taken over from Mackay, has been warned.

#### Safety first

☐ SINCE the 1987 stock market crash, most small investors have been risk averse, preferring the meagre returns of building society accounts and insurance company bonds. They also put their trust in the financial advisers who were governed by the Financial Services Act, which came into operation soon after Black Monday. News yesterday of the failure of several companies who put their investors into dangerous Canadian mining stocks and an extremely risky property investment without revealing too many details of the risks involved shows that the system just about works. Five companies were officially declared in default. Investors will now get up to £48,000 of their money back. In most cases this wili mean little loss. Larger investors probably ought to do a little more research and put less trust in the market place.

#### Alexon returns to profit

Alexon, the clothing retailer, which includes the Ann Harvey, Kaliko and Dash chains, made a £3 million pre-tax profit (£3.7 million loss) in 1995.

The company, which trimmed net debt from £11.6 million to £6.8 million, passed on its dividend.

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Last year Alexon won a two-year breathing space from its banks and suspended payments of its preference shares. It last paid a dividend on ordinary shares in 1993.

#### Scotia down

Scotia Holdings, the emerging drugs company. yesterday reported a pre-tax operating loss of £11.8 million, or 16.7p per share, in the year to December 31, against a pre-tax loss of

#### Page double

Michael Page Group, the recruitment company, recorded pre-tax profits of E17.74 million (£8.49 million) last year. Earnings rose to 18.39p (9.51p). The total dividend is 5p (3p), with a 3.9p final. Shares rose 14p to 200p.

#### How in black

How Group, the engineer-SETVICES company,earned profits of £[.2 million before tax (£2.85 million loss) in 1995. Earnings were 2.7p (6.97p loss). The total dividend rises to 1.125p a share from (0.75p), with a 0.75p final. Shares held at 38p.

#### Vero advance

Vero Group, the supplier of racks and enclosures for the telecoms and electronics industry, lifted pre-tax profits to E8.1 million (£6.6 million) on turnover that rose to £97.2 million (£78.7 million). Earnings were 12.8p. There is no

# Securicor revamp intended to aid Cellnet stake sale

BY ERIC REGULY

SECURICOR GROUP, the security and telecommunications company, yesterday announced plans to simplify its corporate structure by merging with Security Services, its 51 per cent owned subsidiary. The deal was partly designed to ensure the snag-free sale of the two companies' stake in Cellnet, the mobile phone

Under the restructuring, existing shareholders of Securicor Group and Security

Services will swap their shares for shares in a new company, to be called Securicor PLC. Securicor Group shareholders will receive 6.711 shares in the new company, while the holders of the "A" non-voting shares will receive 3.835 new shares. Security Services shareholders will receive 3.846 new shares. When the transaction is

completed, Securicor will own 100 per cent of Security Ser-



David Heywood, head of Nestor-BNA, the temporary nurse nillion to December 31. A 2p final makes an unchanged 3.15p.

#### Housing sign cheers Travis Perkins chief

plier of timber and building materials, expects an upturn in trading later this year after signs that the housing market is starting to revive.
Tony Travis. chairman. said that trading in the first

tic after interest rate cuts. Pre-tax profits for 1995 cased to £36.5 million (£38.9 million). Operating profits rose 4.9 per cent, to £36.1 million, but property dispos-

# Morgan Crucible surges to £85m

By CARL MORTISHED

SHARES in Morgan Crucible. the engineering and industrial materials group, dipped 3 per cent yesterday despite healthy growth in profits and earnings

Strong demand in all its key markets, price increases and a 1.5 point gain in operating margin helped to raise pre-tax profit by 17 per cent to £85 million, but profit-taking and cautious comment from the company over sales growth and the order book in the current year caused the share

almost 15 per cent from continuing businesses, with operat-ing profits up from £79 million to £101 million. Some 88 per cent of turnover now originates from outside the UK and Morgan reported strong organic growth in the US, main-land Europe and the UK.

Operating margins rose from 10.5 per cent to 12 per cent and Morgan is targeting margins of 15 per cent in the medium term. The full-year dividend is 13.8p, up 5 per cent on the previous year.

#### T&S lifts profits by 12%

T&S STORES, the convenience store operator and newsagent with 820 outlets. saw profits rise 12 per cent in 1995 and said it had made an encouraging start to this year.

Pre-tax profits of £15.5 milion compared with £13.9 million in 1994 and followed an 8 per cent rise in turnover to £445 million. The strongest increase was in the Dillons C' convenience stores, which contributed profits of £7.1 million. up 37 per cent. Earnings were 16.13p a share (14.53p). A final dividend of 4.3p lifts the total to

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provider, made 53 per cent more yearly pre-tax profit at £6.3

# TRAVIS PERKINS, sup-

two months of 1996 remained subdued, but he was optimis-

als fell. A 6.5p final dividend makes 9.3p, up from 9p.



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NOTICE OF MEETING

Clerical Medical

Annual General Meeting

Notice is given that the 172nd Annual General Meeting of the Clerical Medical and General Life Assurance Society will be held at 15 St. James's Square, London SW1Y 4LQ on Wednesday, 17 April 1990 at 2.30pm for the following purposes:

1 To receive the Directors' Report and the Audited Accounts for the

2 To receive a Report on the actuarial valuation of the Society's

year ended 31 December 1995.

distribution of profit.

e. To transact the following special business: To confirm the appointment of Mr Adrian Saunders as Appointed Actuary under Section 19 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982.

a proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Society. Any instrument appointing a proxy must be deposited at the undermentioned address not less than 48 hours before the time fixed

for the Meeting. By order of the Board S A M Fogarty

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#### Cliveden to seek share quotation

By GEORGE SIVELL

THE company that runs the hotel at the historic Cliveden site in Berkshire is to seek a listing on the London Stock Exchange next month. Cliveden has been home to three dukes and three generations of the Astor family since

The Cliveden company aims to build up a portfolio of what it describes as distinctive hotels within five years which, it says, will reflect the standards of Cliveden and will benefit in marketing terms from its client base and international reputation.
The Cliveden company's

first expansion was the acquisition of a small central London hotel, the Draycott, in October 1995. It is to be relaunched as the Cliveden Town House in May. The Cliveden hotel achieved operating profits of £1.4 million on sales of £6.4 million to end-October 1995. Sponsor and stockbroker to the issue will he Beeson Gregory.

# Simon in control of gearing

SIMON ENGINEERING, the

fire engine and access equip-ment specialist, returned to the dividend list yesterday after a three-year rescue mission from gearing of 264 per cent. It is now 95 per cent.

The company, which has kept up a steady stream of

disposals and shored up resources with a £52 million rights issue since the present management took charge in 1993, also declared itself in the market for an acquisition. Maurice Dixon, chief execu-

tive, said the purchase would be in the company's core engineering area and would help to deliver growth. Simon returned to profit for the first time in three years. making £8.4 million for the year to December 31. Last year,

million. The final dividend. payable on a date to be confirmed, was set at 0.64p.

it lost EI8 million, and a year

earlier the loss was £160.3



# Talk of buy-back puts Tomkins in the frame

SPECULATION that Greg Hutchings, chairman of Tomkins, the conglomerate. may be about to spend millions of pounds to benefit shareholders, produced a flurry of speculative buying in the shares during late trading.

By the close of business, almost eight million shares had changed hands with the price firming 1 p to 257 p at which Tomkins boasts a stock market value of more than £3 billion.

Word is the group, which includes Ranks Hovis Mc-Dougali and Smith and Wesson guns, is ready to propose spending millions of pounds on a share buy-back to enhance carnings.

Tomkins appears to be everyone's favourite at present. Only last week BZW is believed to have picked up a large parcel of shares, with rival Kleinwort Benson yesterday telling clients to buy. The chartists also claim the shares are a chart break-out and should be bought.

Elsewhere, the rest of the market was suffering from its own version of "mad cow" disease. However, it could be argued that institutional investors were acting more like sheep. "One decides to stay on the sidelines and they all choose to stay on the side-

lines", said one broker. Prices drifted on lack of interest throughout the day and not even a late rally by the gilt market could stop the rot. In the event, the FT-SE 100 index dipped back below the 3,700 level. The index finished near its low for the day, down 25.1 at 3,681.9. Investor apathy was reflected in the levels of turnover with just 690 million shares traded.

The mounting concern over the effects of BSE has begun taking its toll on the big food producers. Northern Foods was down 16p at 183p, Unigate 30p off at 407p, Sentry Farming 14p lower at 159p and Robert Wiseman 25p cheaper at 137p. By contrast Matthews. the turkey producer, rose 6p to 122n. Dealers fear that wiping out dairy herds will force milk producers to import dearer milk from aboard. Harrison merchant, was another casualty, losing 11p at 154p.

Ladbroke 2 p to 193p. Word in the marketplace suggests the long-awaited bid is likely to materialise in the next lew



Greg Hutchings may spend millions on share buy-back

days. The Hilton Hotel Group in the US and Bass, 3p easier at 747p, continue to be tipped

as possible predators. Thorn EMI touched £16.90 before ending the session 15p dearer at £16.83 as talk of a bid from Time Warner in the US was revived. The speculators are suggesting a bid of £22 a

share, valuing the entire com-

pany at almost £10 billion.

of a bid. Next, up 3p at 467p, and Moss Bros, unchanged at 705p, are tipped as possible

The biggest move on the day was seen in Securicor where the "A" shares soared 67p to £10.55 and the ordinary 200p to £18.05 after the company announced details of a large restructuring and the merging with its associate, Security

WH Smith held steady at 447p in a falling market, with more than 2 million shares traded. The price has climbed steadily from 350p since October, with reports last week suggesting the group is ready to dispose of its distribution business. WH Smith feels threatened, say speculators, who expect a bid from Asda.

P&O dipped op to 514p ahead of full-year figures today which should show a small dip in profits on last year's £341 million.

There is talk that the results

may be accompanied by disposal news. Shares of Austin Reed continue to trade just a shade below their high of 234p at

229p amid claims that it could soon be on the receiving end Services. Security Services rose 65p to £10.50.

Takeover favourite East Midlands Electricity, rose op to 615p after announcing a further cut of 2.7 per cent in the price of electricity for domestic customers. The group says it takes the cut in real terms to 16 per cent over the past four years.

It looks as though the worst may be over at Inchcape, the

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international trader and services group, with the price rising 10p to 272p despite, as expected, a sharp drop in profits and a cut in the dividend.

Pre-tax profits were down from £228.4 million to £17.4 million. The figures were also accompanied by the departure of Charles Mackay, chief

The new chairman. Sir Colin Marshall, intends to slim downthe group and is considering the options for demerging Bain Hogg, its

Over on AlM, Firecrest was a weak market, losing 32p at 90p after announcing details of a placing and open offer at 50p a share to raise £1.5 million. The money will be used to finance a number of

First Information Group began trading at a healthy premium. Placed at 165p by Charterhouse Tilney, the broker, the shares opened at 183p before ending the session at l8ip, a premium of lop.

Northern Leisure, the bowling and nightclub operator, firmed 2p to 109p as a large line of 597,500 shares went through the market a premium to the ruling price. They were sold at 110p, 4p the current market

GILT-EDGED: Prices recovered from a hesitant start to close with some useful gains on the day in late trading. Investors stuck to the sidelines first thing, worried by the worsening "mad cow" crisis and its potential effect on the economy. But some words of reassurance from Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, in the House of Commons were enough to put the market better before the close.

In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt finished £1932 higher at £1054 as the total number of contracts reached 41,000. Among conventional issues

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# Testing time at Inchcape

nesses is reminiscent of the procedure known as "triage" used by medics in front-line army hospitals. Those wounded but likely to benefit most from immediate surgery are treated first. The rest have to take their chances. Unfortunately, Inchcape's financial triage has been muddled with its desire to fit in with the stock market fashion for focus. Having decided that Inchcape is best sold as an international distribution group, perfectly decent businesses earning decent returns are

The sale of Bain Hogg makes sense, although the failure to find a trade buyer puts a question mark over the likely flotation value. Less easy to understand is the decision to dump Testing Services, the certification business that raised its profits by almost a

INCHCAPE'S decision to own fewer busi- third last year while increasing its operating margin.

Inchcape wants to reinvest the proceeds of sale in distribution but the removal Bain Hogg and Testing will leave large holes in the profit and loss account and Inchcape will be hard pressed to achieve in distribution the sort of return on assets being earned by Testing. Inchcape is working hard with Toyota to restore margins to its motor business but the days when Japanese car manufacturers could wipe the floor against

the inefficient competition are over.

Inchcape will burn up a lot of cash in restructuring costs and the worry is that the sale proceeds will fill holes rather than be returned to shareholders. At the end of the day, investors would rather have profits than focus.

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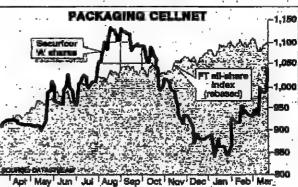
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Freepages (12)

SECURICOR will be glad to be rid of Cellnet. Few companies have seen the price of their shares move on market estimates of the flotation value of a rival company and one that has yet to make a profit. But Orange is only adding to considerable hype over mobile telephony. Securicor and Security Services, its 51 per cent-owned lengths to explain that their proposed merger would preserve tax clearances obtained last year when they tried to sell their joint 40 per cent stake in Cellnet to BT, which owns the rest. Although Securicor insists that it is in talks with no one, including BT, about reviving the sale, it noted that potential bidders have come knocking. Share-

The Orange share sale, to be priced tomorrow, is hugeoversubscribed and its nticipated success has aided the recovery of Securicor. But there are already signs that the days of unfettered growth are over. Celinet and Vodafone, the leaders, have recently dropped their prices in an effort to reign in the upstart Orange and Mercury

One-2-One. A price and marketing war looks imminent. The Government will not allow BT to buy Securicor's Cellnet stake, but Securicor would be foolish to wait several years until the bureaucrats change their mind. While the mobile-phone industry is still hot, it should quickly find a buyer that is acceptable to BT and get out.



#### Morgan Crucible

the disposal effort.

THE sell-off in Morgan Crucible shares was a mean reaction to a company that has a better chance than many of delivering growth

holders should encourage

this year.

True, Morgan will be unlikely to deliver anything like last year's 22 per cent gain in carnings in an environment of slower economic growth. But an increase at half that rate should be easily achievable and well ahead of forecast growth rates for the market as a whole.

Morgan's strength is its diversity. No industry dominates its customer base: the automotive sector, one of the largest, accounts for only ner cent of sale the company also supplies refractory materials for the petrochemical industry as and electronic applications.

such as safety airbags for

cars and heat-shields for catalytic converters are driving growth at one level. At the same time, Morgan is making investments in emerging markets like China to produce low-tech products such as carbon brushes and refractory materials. The investments are small

and the cash returns somewhat dubious at this stage but Morgan has already secured about a fifth of the Chinese market for carbon brushes. Plans are afoot for a joint venture producing coramic insulators in a country with plans for thousands of miles of power lines. Yesterday's sellers leave the door open to buy Morgan, a stock cheaper than weaker companies in the engineering

#### Simon Eng.

sector.

SIMON, the name adorning many fire engines, has come just in time. The specialist engineer, which has struggled

under a mountain of debt, pledged three years ago when the current manage-ment took the wheel, that it would be profitable by 1995 and return to the dividend list. So it has proved after a. string of disposals and the

filip of a rights issue. Shareholders, who saw gearing leap to 264 per cent, provided salvation with their own cash but their company can now begin to look to-wards growth. With gearing at 95 per cent, Simon, which is now tucked neatly into three divisions, feels confident enough to talk about acquisitions. But the group still has a lot to prove. Surviving a near-death experience is one thing, but achieving sensible returns in competitive engi-

neering markets is another. market leader in many of its honed-down operations, a robust order book and a good some grounds for optimism.

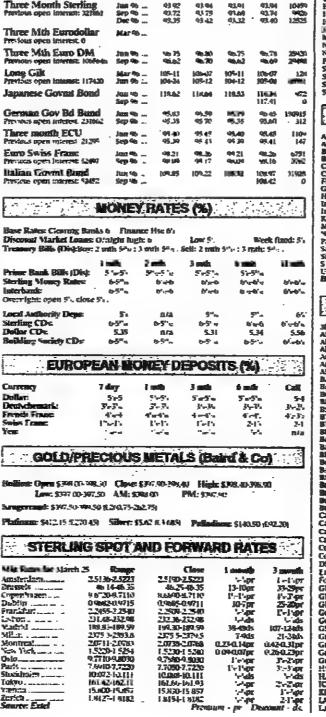
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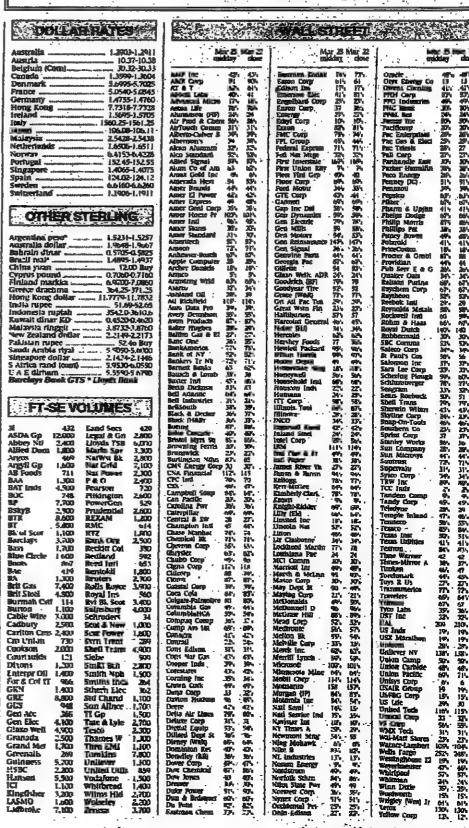
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#### No rooms at the top

COULD the Halifax Building Society, soon to hecome a plc. be taking things just a little far in pursuit of "shareholder value" for future investors? Down from its home in the North, to explain its purchase of Clerical Medical to the City yesterday, and to present its annual re-sults today, the mutual booked one of the grandest conference rooms in the Savoy. Its executives, alas, stayed elsewhere. "We're staying somewhere cheaper to save money," an insider confided. Where? The rather less exciting Strand Palace, over the road from the Savoy, where a modest room costs from Ell8 compared with the Savoy's £305.

#### Hobby horse

ALMOST as work on the E650,000 make-over of the Opera Terrace restaurant in Covent Garden began yesterday, the deputy chairman of the Chez Gerard Groupe which bought the site last year. was already champing at the bit. Laurence Isaacson, who refuses to shut-up shop during refurbish-ment, insists the dining room be "upgraded" by the end of May for the start of the two-week Covent Garden Festival, which he calls his "hobby" and whose board he chairs. His main concern is signposting for the upstairs restaurant, "In spite of English Heritage, we want people to find it, and we will make it so fabulous that they'll try even harder to make their way up."



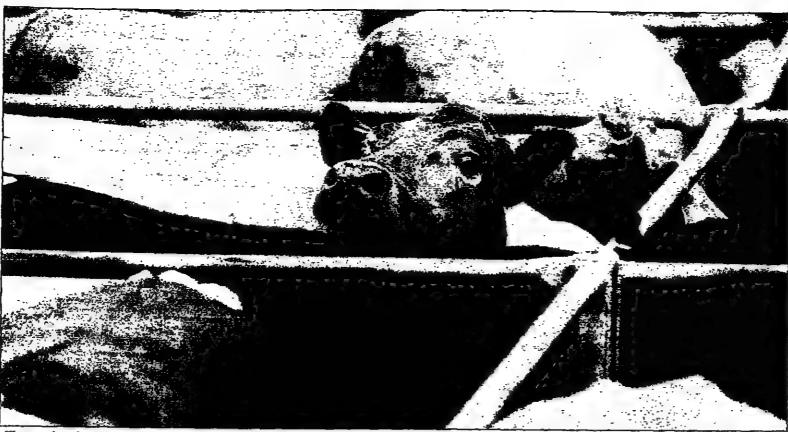
Isaacson: staying open

CHIEF executive of the Alexon Group, John Osborn claims to be all man. "I personify the typical male who hates the whole process of shopping." booms the man who decides what ladies hang in their wardrobes. head to toe in Marks & Spencer - bought on the hoof at speed."

#### Rent a vote

IN ITS latest newsletter. the Campaign Against the Arms Trade is advertising free British Aerospace shares, in the hope that supporters will turn out in force for BAe's annual meeting on May I, to challenge the company's con-tract to equip the indonesian Air Force with Hawk

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The numbers become much more dramatic when slaughtering is considered, especially if the effects are allowed to hit inflation, growth and employment

# The cost of the beef crisis is more than a pound of flesh

Janet Bush and Alasdair Murray look

at the economic ramifications of BSE

tering is considered. Douglas Hogg. the Agriculture Minister, made no mention of this possibility yesterday. having raised it at the weekend. Speculation has centred on the slaughter of all 4.5 million dairy cows aged more than 30 months. The economic impact of this would depend crucially, as Ian Shepherdson, of HSBC Mar-kets, suggests, on whether the effects are allowed to hit inflation, growth and employment or whether the Government foots the bill to avoid this.

most important fear pro-

which crupted last week.

But, as the days go by, the Government

and the City are beginning to look at

the potential economic and financial

There is sufficient concern about the

impact on the economy that Kenneth

Clarke, the Chancellor, and Gillian

Shephard, Education and Employ-

ment Secretary, attended an emergency meeting of senior ministers yesterday morning. The Treasury said that it was looking at all the cost ramifications of the crisis. In more

colourful language, one government official said: "The public spending people at the Treasury will be doing

There are so many uncertainties

about how the beef scare will play itself

out that calculating the potential cost to

the economy is a tortuous affair. Will

the Government sanction a herd

slaughter policy and, if so, how many head of cattle will be killed? At what

price will the Government compensate

farmers? Will the European Union

But most onlookers believe that the

cant, in particular for public spending.

City analysts yesterday argued vari-

ously that the crisis would mean no

more tax cuts in the November Budget.

that the Government could be forced

into holding an early election, that an

incoming Labour government would

be handed a poisoned chalice — the

prospect of having to raise taxes to foot

The immediate impact of the Gov-

emment's statement last week that

there may be a link between people

suffering from Creutzfeldt-Jakob dis-

ease (CJD) and eating beef infected

with bovine spongiform encephalopa-

thy (BSE) - or "mad cow" disease -

has been a plunge in the price of beef

and large price rises for other kinds of meat. A straw poll of supermarkets

and restaurateurs by the British Retail

Consortium yesterday suggested that demand for beef had dropped by an

average of 50 per cent at the end of last

week. This estimate was based on very

little beef actually being sold. Mean-

while, traders at Smithfield said that

poultry prices had jumped 25 per cent and new spring lamb 50 per cent. Beef

prices had been marked down by 15 per

cent or thereabouts, but price was

The current plunge in demand alone

may have significant economic impli-

cations. Guesstimates from HSBC

Markets and James Capel suggest that

the headline rate of inflation could be

cut by 0.2 per cent. However, Britain's

trade deficit could rise by between El

billion and £1.25 billion and growth

this year could be cut by I per cent.

Even if there were no other ramifica-tions than a plunge in demand, several billions would be added to the public

The numbers become much more

dramatic when the question of slaugh-

sector borrowing requirement.

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Mr Shepherdson believes the latter is the most likely course. Under this scenario, the Government would fully compensate farmers which would cost about £4 billion. On top of this, it would have to subsidise the price of milk until the new herd was producing milk and/or imported milk could be sourced. This could cost another £6 billion over a full year. The recovery of

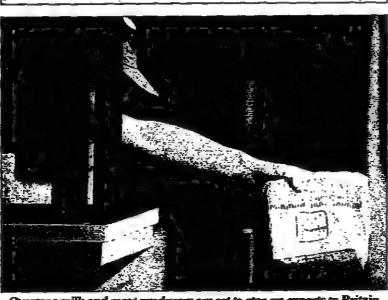
the herds could take two to three years, so Britain's trade deficit could suffer

The cost to the Government's finances is impossible to quantify. Mr Shepherdson said: "The final extent of the damage will depend on the extent to which the EU can be persuaded to cough up, but it seems unlikely that a PSBR hit of anything less than several billions can be avoided."

The uncertainty surrounding the beef crisis spilled over on to the stock market with shares in the food producer sector hit by scares of rising costs and falling sales. But the focus of bearish market sentiment shifted yesterday from meat producers to the dairy companies after rumours circulated that the Government was considering a cattle cull which would hit dairy cows hardest.

The dairy market is worth about £6





Overseas milk and meat producers are set to step up exports to Britain

billion a year in the UK, compared with the £3.5 billion domestic beef market, and any major slaughter programme would drive up costs for Britain's two largest dairies. Northern Foods and Unigate, as the companies seek alternative supplies abroad. There were also fears that European dairy companies may view the debacle as an opportunity to try to win some of the competitive British market.

The negative sentiment was compounded by a sell notice for the two companies issued by UBS, the broker. Northern Foods generates about 40 per cent of its profits from milk, and its shares fell from 199p to 183p. Shares in Unigate, which makes about 30 per cent of its profits from milk products, also fell heavily from 437p to 407p. Dalgety and Harrisons Crosfield, the two leading animal feed producers,

also suffered as fears grew that the market in feed would collapse after a cattle cull. There was also concern that costs would increase as the companies were forced to alter the make-up of animal feed to comply with new regulations banning meat and bone meal from feed given to other animals

such as pigs and poultry.

But the UK Agricultural Supply the majority of Britain's feed producers, denied that altering the ingredients of feed would prove to be an onerous burden to manufacturers. The association said that meat and bone meal made up only about 2 per cent of the feed and that ready alternatives, such as fish meal, were available.

The association also played down fears that the industry could face a rush of compensation claims from farmers who had lost stock or even from infected humans. A spokesman said: "We have examined the legal implications, but we helieve that the industry did not act in a negligent fashion and has responded quickly to all new requirements." The association added that any litigants would face the almost impossible task of proving that one particular batch of feed caused a BSE outbreak.

While cattle-related stocks suffered. Britain's noultry farmers enjoyed more builish market sentiment as the City calculated that consumers would turn to other meats. Shares in Bernard Matthews, the turkey producer, have risen 26 per cent since last Wednesday. while Hillsdown, the poultry specialist which recently sold off its abattoir business, hit a year high of 192p. Foreign food producers are also set to benefit from the beef crisis, with cattle prices rising in European markets sterday and Argentina promising a big export push.

But perhaps the most unlikely beneficiaries are Australian camel breeders hoping to expand the market for camel meat and "humpburgers" beyond central Australia. Taffy Williams, a spokesman for the Central Australian Camel Industry Association, said: "Camel is a lovely lean meat, something between beef and mutton really. We aim to sell it in the game section - alongside



# Major's fatal hesitation after Mad Wednesday

or the second time culling was not the only since John Major won the 1992 election, his market taking their course. Government's credibility has been shattered. The public's trust in ministers has evaporated and the Tories' claims to competence have been laughed to scorn. But even more important, though as yet imperceptible, has been the discrediting of an entire political agenda. Black Wednesday in 1992 marked the end of monetar-ism and the traditional Tory obsession with fighting in-flation. Mad Wednesday in 1996 has discredited another Thatcherite dream of the 1980s: deregulation and the "rolling back" of the State.

In Parliament yesterday. the phrase "nanny state" was derisively thrown from the Tory backbenches. But this only revealed that Tory free-market dogmatists are now totally out of touch. A nanny state is exactly what people now want — and that includes Tory farmers, who are more attached to the State's apron-strings than any other group in Britain. In the 1990s, the public expects the Government to offer reassurance and protection. And Tony Blair's new Labour seem to have

essential and popular function of govemment and one that can be undertaken without terrifying middle-class voters about extortionate But wait a minute. Sure

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the Govern ment's problem in the mad cow scare? Ministers no doubt realised that public arxiety would only be allayed by slaughtering BSEaffected herds, but they also knew full well that such culling would expose them to huge compensation demands. Whatever the economic and moral doubts about compensating farmers, the political reality was unambiguous: full compensation would have to be paid. Not only would this add significantly to the public sector borrowing requirement and thereby make it harder to justify another round of pre-election tax cuts. More importantly, the expenditure of billions on dealing with an unproven health risk that might affect no more than a few dozen beef eaters annually would

other ways. These were no doubt the arguments that swayed ministers when they decided on yesterday's do-little approach. A more imaginative Cabinet aware of the creative possibilities of regulation, would surely have realised that state-financed

be a grotesque misuse of

public money. The same

resources would almost cer-

tainly save far more lives in

In yesterday's Commons

exchange, the Labour and Liberal health spokesmen presented Stephen Dorrell the Health Secretary, with a long list of proposals for tightening regulations on cattle farming and slaugh-ter, ranging from the de-boning of all beef to govern-ment-supervised labelling for herds free of BSE. None would have entailed significant costs to the Treasury. Yet, Mr Dorrell contemptuously dismissed them all. His reply to the demand for an official labelling scheme was particularly telling: there was nothing to stop individual manufacturers, retailers and farmers offering consumers such informa-

tion of their own accord. In making this argument, Mr Dorrell was inadvertently exposing the Govern-ment's ideological Achilles' heel - a lacuna that is now all too likely to bring Labour to power. After 17 years of preoccupation with macroeconomic policy and trying to cut taxes, the Tories have quite simply forgotten that creating the conditions of trust in which private citirealised that regulation is an zens can operate has always

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economic resources without spending public money and raising income tax. If it were decided, for example, that mass slaughter was desirable, the Government could quite easily finance this not out of general revenues but from future levies on farmers and food processors - not to mention the feed-manufacturing companies whose decision to turn cows into cannibals seems to have been responsible for the enidemic in the first place. There are ample precedents for forcing manufacturers of dangerous goods - and their insurers - to compensate those who used them (in this case, farmers)

By ignoring such possibilities - refusing even to offer the minimal moral support official endorsement for disease-free and organic herds — the Government has guaranteed minimum confidence among the public and maximum hardship for farmers. Of course, government policy will change, perhaps within weeks, just as did after Black Wednesday. In 1992, the few weeks of hesitation were fatal to the Government's reputation. The same is likely to be true of the weeks after Mad

### Rachel Kelly on a rival to pastiche offices

# Dawn of the groundscraper

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new design of office block for the 1990s is sweeping the City. Out go the neo-classical pastiche blocks complete with pillars and period-style detail beloved of the Prince of Wales. In their stead are a rash of squat, glass,

modern "groundscrapers". Planners, developers and tenants are rejecting traditional designs in layour of more contemporary, confident blocks. The Corporation of London is currently identifying 20 sites where relatively short but giant buildings of half a million sq ft.

"Groundscrapers" typically have five storeys, but maximum floor space, suited to the vast dealing floors needed by American and European banks

setting up London headquarters. They are built of modern materials — often glass tripleglazed — are environmentally friendly, and use latest technology. They are usually cheaper than pastiche, with its fancy stonework.

Inside, typically, there is an enclosed street, surrounded by shops and canteens to encourage a sense of corporate community, rather than the atria of the 1980s. Decorative planting is kept to a minimum, and escalators have replaced lifts.

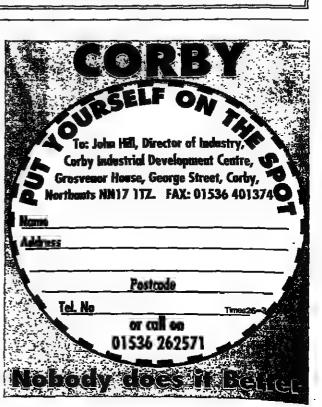
Henry Herzberg, an architect with Chapman Taylor and at the forefront of the new designs, says: Tenants want state of the art buildings that have an international rather than a dated feel about them. These are often headquarters buildings that need to reflect their corporate philosophy."

Two recent planning decisions confirm the vogue. The Prince of Wales's hopes of a classical revival in the City at Paternoster Square were dashed two months ago. His traditional plans - drawn two years ago with classical architects such as Terry Farrell were rejected as unworkable by the Corporation of London and Mitsubishi, the developer.

Michael Cassidy, head of the corporation's planning committee, says: "These were dinky buildings with attractive exteriors designed for small merchant hanks. But businesses who want to take space in the City want bigger buildings with

larger floor plates to use as their European headquarters." A second pastiche scheme, at London Bridge City, south of the Thames, is being dropped for glass-fronted modernism The developer, St Martins, has redesigned the £180 million piers rejected the classical design. The new design is a fivestorey glass building, its win-dows shaded by metal screens. A mast-like structure on the roof gives a nautical flavour.

Sarah Gaventa, historian with the Royal Institute of British Architects, says: "The classical architectural style was impractical for large dealing floors because the pillars, which are part and parcel of the classical style, obstructed trading."



#### BRIEFINGS

Closing date for entries in the annual Export Award for Smaller Businesses — with £40,000 worth of prizes - has been put back two weeks to April 18. Entry is open to all independent UK companies with fewer than 200 employees and sustained growth in export earnings: turnover in overseas sales must exceed £100,000 in the past year. Application forms from DTI Regional Offices, Business Links, Industrial Development Board for Northern Ircland, Scottish Trade International and the Welsh Office.

☐ A series of free evening seminars for owner-managed businesses will be held in April and May by Clark Whitehill, chartered accountants, at its office in central London. Topics will include the impact of a Labour government, succession planning and improving financial returns. Details: Tracy Auty on 0171-353 1577.

☐ Better relationships between banks and businesses are emphasised in a reissued updated guide from NatWest Bank and the Institute of Directors, Your Business and Your Bank, aimed at small and mediumsized enterprises, includes advice on raising finance, credit control and international trade. Tony Shaw, NatWest's corporate services managing director, said: "As customers become increasingly sophisticated and demand more advanced solutions to their financial problems, banks are recognising that they must work harder to keep their customers, in order to sustain long-term business growth." Price: £9.95, plus £1.50 post and packing. More information: 0171-730 6060.

# Cash from a coppice

Jennai Cox meets a

businesswoman who

makes sure every

branch and twig goes to make a living

n abiding love of trees took Rebecca Oaks into a traditional line of work devoted to them. As a coppice worker her days are spent in forests examining the potential of trees and she is one of a growing number of young people who have set up on their own to revive an ancient form of woodland management.

Coppice comes from the French word coupe, meaning cut - but the work is more than chopping trees. New shoots spring up from a tree stump when it is cut and felling also helps to reduce forest density. allowing undergrowth to flourish. Every branch, twig and leaf is then used to make a living.

After working as a volunteer

coppice merchant while doing a Recreational Land Management course at Myerscough College, Lancashire. Rebecca decided on her career. With a business loan and £1,000 of savings, she was up and running.

She pays £50 for a quarter hectare standing of trees working three at a time and taking a month to complete one. After careful selection of which trees to fell, the



Rebecca Oaks's products include tent pegs for marquee companies and bazel hurdles for garden centres

experience. Rebecca demonstrates

branches are bundled and either sold or used to make wooden products.

In a yard on the Leighton Hall estate in Carnforth, near the caravan where she lives, Rebecca has a workshop. There she makes tent pegs which are sold to marquee companies, and hazel hurdles and beanpoles for garden centres. Tool and broom handles are made from thicker branches, with the largest being used for showjumping poles.

She makes coracles — traditional fishing boats — from hazel and at rural trade fairs and plans to teach. A course in oak bark peeling, used to make rustic furniture, is willow and during the winter burns planned this year. wood to make the charcoal sold by garages for summer barbecues. In "Woodland has financial value between, she takes on scrub clearas well as aesthetic," she says. "If

ance contracts for conservation people see you can make money groups such as English Nature. and care for the environment, it She earned enough during the will motivate them. Someone needs first year to break even and buy to show it's a positive way to make a herself a second-hand tractor, and living." expects her income to increase with

Rebecca Oaks intends to be that

with your particular projects/regularments.

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# Luncheon dates with contracts on the menu

By BRIAN COLLETT

Business Network organisation starts next month with the first of its new regional exhibitions.

Business Network's South Central region will run the events, with the first at Croydon, south London, on April 17.

The exhibitions will emphasise the single-minded nature of BN groups, which began in New Zealand about ten years ago and were set up in Britain in 1903.

The purpose is to bring people together with the sole aim of doing business in the easy atmosphere of regular luncheons. Members are not involved in lobbying or charity work, unlike other business people's groups, such as chambers of commerce and Rotary clubs.

Membership gives them two exhibition places a year and a national directory of members. There is no hierarchy, but activities are organised by officials. John Petherick, the South Central region chief executive, said: "At the luncheons I guarantee to sit members next to people who are interested in their products."

At one luncheon a businessman obtained a £1 million order from another whose company was nearby but whom he had not previously known. The record deal struck at a luncheon was worth £3 million. On average, said Mr Petherick, members find that BN increases turnover by £20,000 a year.

Mr Petherick said another ad-

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A RECRUITMENT drive by the vantage was that women felt they were treated as equals in the groups. Gillian Nash, managing director of Horley Press, a printing company in Reigate, Surrey, said she was once invited to join a women's chamber of commerce Business Network doesn't give that sort of thing a second-thought," she said. "There are a lot." of women in it."

Networks have been started in Germany, France, Spain and Portugal. The annual fee is £175 plus VAT. giving membership to three representatives of a company.

The other exhibitions in the South Central region will be at Kingston upon Thames. Sutton-Wimbledon, Gatwick and Knightsbridge. Information: 01293 886610.



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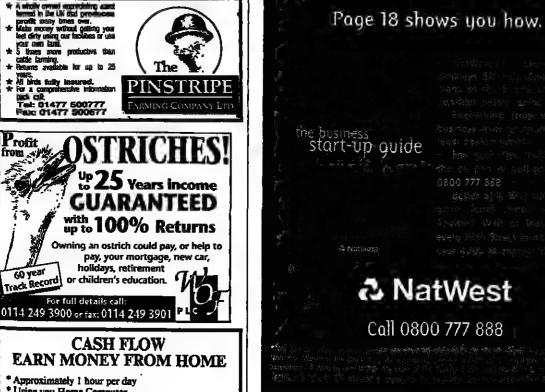
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VISUAL ART I

Ranging through the deranged: quirky and exotic art from young Americans at the Saatchi



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Derek Boshier, former Pop Art pioneer and exile in Texas, returns with a new London show THEXITIMES



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Brighton-based painters stake out their Territory in an intensely colourful display



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while at Kettle's Yard **Judith Cowan** deals in the bare rudiments of sculpture

VISUAL ART: Richard Cork admires the dark humour of young Americans at the Saatchi Gallery; plus other shows

# Salute for scars and stripes

ying on the floor with a mattress resting on her swollen head, a woman talks excitably to an unseen companion. The rest of the large room is deserted, making her seem even more isolated and mysterious. Is she trapped under the mattress, or hiding away from the world? Does the companion really exist, or is the woman conducting a deluded monologue with herself? These are the questions nagging in our minds as we stare down at her, and listen to the manic outpourings of a mind

on the edge of madness.

Tony Oursler, the artist responsible for this alarming work, is the most powerful contributor to Young Americans Part II, the latest exhibition at the Saatchi Gallery. A former video artist, he now projects talking heads on to dummies and endows them with an uncanny amount of conviction. The woman under the mattress, played by Tracy Leopold, seems disconcertingly real. As she swings from anger and fear to an almost orgasmic level of pleasure, the intimacy of her voice turns viewers into voyeurs.

Oursler's other room in the exhibition, containing several more of his deranged people, bears an unsettling resemblance to a darkened asylum. One woman, lying at the base of a wall where noxious smoke rushes upwards, is able only to gaze around through enlarged eyes and groan. But at least her reaction seems to be an accurate assessment of the predicament she endures. Nearby, a grim and crazed figure with outsize head on to an empty jacket and trousers, insists against all the evidence that "I have never felt better in my life than

Using simple mini-projectors and lighting as restrained as the green lamp glowing softly behind the dark-suited figure suspended in a corner. Oursier endows his garrulous loners with a haunting amount of conviction. At first sight, the diminutive figure sprawling in an open suitcase seems nothing more than a doll. But once her alert, expressive face starts talking.

each disconnected statement, the artificial gradually be-comes real. Her plight grows painfully acute as she complains, in a panie-ridden falseno, that "I can't see a thing

Taken as a whole, Oursier's cast summons up a world of forlorn misfits, reduced to conversing with themselves as a way of combating the help-lessness and isolation of their

His bleak vision becomes

6 There is a willingness to keep on laughing in the dark ?

even starker in the long white space inhabited by Kiki Smith's sculpture. At one end, Daisy Chain sprawls across the floor, its central cluster of bronze body fragments encircled by steel chain shaped into petal-like outlines. The delicacy of these contours does little to counter the suspicion that they have shackled the head, arms and legs.

Wholeness is restored at the far end of Smith's space, where A Virgin Mary stands on a plain block with hands held out to display her open paires. But the impression of sturdiness soon gives way to the realisation that the Virgin is naked, and her skin has been flayed. Bones and sinews surface of the bronze, while the veins flowing down her forearms are picked out in silver.

Spirituality is combined, in this challenging figure, with a surgical exploration of bodily facts. Half deity and half anatomical model, the Virgin conveys both ethereal grace and physical vulnerability. Elsewhere, though, Smith concentrates more on frailty. In Trough, a plaster cast of a pregnant body has been sliced in half and hung, open and hollow, on the wall. The fullness of her swollen storn-

form. It looks alarmingly breakable, like the plaster cast of a hunched figure lying in a foetal position on the floor. But both these sculptures are fortified by a sense of purity. They seem ready to hold water for washing, and their whiteness holds out the baptismal promise of renewal.

As Smith is a Catholic, she probably intended her plaster figures to embody a sacramental quality. But she is equally capable of delving inside the body's murkiest passages, and coming up with a sculpture baldly called *Intestine*, which stretches a bronze image of the digestive organ across a panoramic expanse of wall. Bizarre, grotesque and comic, it sums up Smith's determination to ignore taboos and investigate every aspect of the

body. Although Charles Ray shares Smith's overriding interest in the human figure, he concentrates on its external form alone. In 1973, when still a university student, he took 16 modest colour photographs of himself wearing every item of clothing in his possession. Standing to attention in a sequence of shirts, jeans and shorts, the long-haired Ray looks like a suspect in front of a police camera.

But by 1991, his interest in garments and bodies had produced a far more spectacular and streamlined work. Rearing to a height of 8ft, a monumental woman stares at us confrontationally. Powerdressed in a puce jacket and pleated skirt, she rests talonlike painted fingers on her hips. Ray based this daunting shop-window mannequin. By blowing it up to the size of a colossus, Ray transformed the conventional model into a predator. But by retaining the awkward prong which supported the original mannequin at the back, Ray reminds us that this fearsome titan is.

The two painters in the show seem far more elusive. and oddly subdued. Richard Prince, whose earlier work focused on the most glamorous aspects of American life, has now gone to the opposite extreme. His recent pictures.

in the end, only a dummy.



where silkscreen and acrylic are combined with scrawled words, are wilfully grungy. They exude decrepitude and despair, a mood reinforced by the messages written in sad, shaky capitals: "Every time I meet a girl who can cook like my mother," runs one inscription, "she looks like my father." In one jaundiced painting the words take on the speration of a talking head Oursier: "My parents kept me in a closet for years. Until 1 was 15 I thought I was a suit."

conveying.
Finding them unable to No messages can be detected on Jacqueline Humphries'

large expanses of linen. She is committed to oil paint alone, and her involvement with predecessors such as Jackson Pollock and Clyfford Still is clear. Confining herself to blood-red, coursing down the picture surface in thin streams, she makes abstractions redolent of random marks on street walls. Ultimately, though, they are too tasteful and controlled to achieve the raw anger that Humphries seems bent on

sustain my attention for long. I

The artists included in

Territory, a mixed exhibition that opens in

Brighton's Phoenix Gallery

tomorrow, might be inclined

to reject such labels as "Sussex

Expressionists" or "post-Bombergians". But both de-

scriptions have their uses as a

way of linking the range of different approaches to land-

scape represented in the work

of these Brighton-based paint-

ers and sculptors.

Most of the artists are former students of Dennis Creffield, himself a pupil of Bomberg. A bold fluidity in

the handling of pigment com-bined with a predilection for

intense colour characterises

many of the works, evoking

echoes of Bomberg's paintings of landscape — as his works in turn evoke those of Cézanne.

The show is full of illuminat-

ing contrasts. Jane Melield's vibrant Greek landscapes

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By the same token, the

both works epitomise what

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exploring the seemingly limit-

Forward to basics

Christina Koning on a Brighton

show that deals in timeless themes

and unfashionable materials

turned back to the more disconcerting emotions conveyed by Ray's eerie mannequins, Smith's dismembered bodies and Oursler's marooned monologists. They reveal the most desolating aspects of late 20th-century life, the American dream turned into nightmare. But they do so with inventiveness and mordant humour, a willingness to keep on laughing in the dark.

Young Americans Part II at the Saatchi Gallery, 98A Boundary Road, London NWS (0171-624)

#### AROUND THE GALLERIES

n James Lee Byars's Monument to Language an enormous gold orb stands alone in the gallery like a giant Christmas tree bauble on a decorative gold stand. Lines from Yeats are recited, or read out, by someone actually inside the ball. Only a certain number of people are allowed into the space at any one time. and this contributes to an atmosphere of reverence. The expressed wishes of the artist, who lives in Texas, are an absent but crucial part of the

Since the 1960s Byars has organized occasions, happenings and gatherings, calling himself a "momenteer". An event earlier this month at the Temple of the Four Winds at Castle Howard in Yorkshire saw a small invited group gathered in the howling cold to listen to four philosophers from four parts of Europe address the question "What is Question?" The occasion was a orthwhile test of artistic faith for the few involved.

Henry Moore Institute, 74 The Headrow, Leeds, (0113 234 31 58) until Saturday

☐ Where once she might have used a combination of photographs and sculptural objects to suggest an emotional sense of place or occasion, Judith Cowan now seems to use a combination of elements in order to set up a number of propositions. It all seems almost educational: stacks, boxes, shelves and blocks fashioned out of ordinary MDF occupy the floor, while photographs describing ele-ments of a basic narrative hang on the walls. Cowan rigorously squeezes and simplifies her own work till only the rudiments of sculptural language are visible. Her use of material may seem to owe more to the use of head than heart, but Cowan knows there is no separating the two. Kettle's Yard, Castle Street. Cambridge (01223 352124) un-

☐ Any initial sense of familiarity created by the geometric paintings, reliefs and watercolours by Malcolm Jones soon gives way to something else. The rich deep colouring on the relatively small-scaled rectangles chrome yellows, deep reds and blues - is intense and strikingly at odds with the more usual primary palette of pioneering Modernist painting. On the back wall of the gallery, a number of small richly painted canvases are arranged like pieces of mosaic, ordered according to some private logic. Kingsgate Gallery, 110-116 Kingsgate Road, London NW6 (0171 328 7878) until March 31

The sculpture tracks across the ceiling of the two front rooms, runs along the ceiling of the corridor and on into the back gallery. A mixture of solid tubular elements, bulbous concrete shapes and modelled flowers spreads with quirky logic in all directions. Jefford Horrigan has been making extended, sexual, flower heads for years, often installing them in surprising contexts, but this time he takes the opportunity to provide a complete vision. His peverse marriage of imagery makes a strange kind of sense. It hints at natural and unnatural growth, merging diagram with illustration, and stands in an unusually appropriate scale to its surroundings. Adam Gallery, 62 Walcot Square London SE11 (0171 582 1260) until Sunday

☐ Inner London is a mixed exhibition curated by David Gilmour. In the overblown, cast bronze souvenir trinkets by Steve Johnson that straddle the middle of the gallery space. Nelson's Column is leaning seriously sideways, St Paul's is a rounded block, and Big Ben has a huge key ring or bracelet loop at the top. Paul Winstanley's paintings, taken from a couple of black and white photographs of the entrance hall to a block of flats, are painted with great smoothness and extended over a large scale. Catherine Yass shows lightboxes with photographs of the interior of Smithfield market. Alex Hartley shows in stylish boxes with cloudy glass fronts. The outstanding work in the show, however, is a series of photographs taken outside the Houses of Parliament by David Griffiths at a activity and media attention. It is impossible at first to make out what is happening, although the images are reminiscent of agitprop theatre stills, black and white posters, or crime fiction bookcovers. In fact the photographs show politicians and commentators being interviewed at night, with lights shining on their faces and blackness all Delfina. 50 Bermondsey

Street, London SE1 (017) 357 6600) until April 14

SACHA CRADDOCK

# Finally back in the swing

Roger Berthoud talks to Derek Boshier about life, travelling, art

and his one-man show in London

erek Boshier. 58 years old, tallish, slim, curly-haired, fasttalking but soft-spoken, has always been restless. Tve been much more interested in life than in art," he said when we met at his old stamping ground, the Royal College of Art, where he teaches parttime. The RCA was the chief fount of the Sixties Pop Art movement, of which Boshier was, with David Hockney. Peter Blake, Peter Phillips et al, a leading figure. Characteristically, when it was still swinging and exploitable, he disappeared on a scholarship

to India for a year. Boshier subsequently trav-elled widely, in Eastern Europe, the Far East and America, exploring film, photography and other media and continuing to be involved in leftish political activism. The surprise was not that he accepted a teaching post at the University of Houston in 1980. shortly after reverting to painting, but that he stayed for 13 years. Now is he re-entering the London art scene with his first one-man show since his

return three years ago.
It was, he realised in Houston, time to move on. He had always been irritated by British visitors who asked him whether he didn't miss English pubs: in fact he loathed them, partly because his parents had run several back home. Then suddenly he himself listing ten things he missed about Engby a Dutch museum curator. starting with pavements, landscape and humour. When I went to Texas I was

regenerated, really revita-lised," he recalled. "It was a new place, a totally different culture, there were these palm trees, everybody loved art. which is a change from here, everyone was enthusiastic. and they gave me a studio. Whenever you go anywhere, for the first few months. maybe even years, everything is very fresh, you've got the eye of an outsider. My first works were to do with looking at Texas culture: for instance, I did a series of paintings demachoing the cowboy. Then I broadened out to look at American - and Mexican -

The decision to leave was not easy. "It's much harder for me to be an artist here than in America. There's much more art about there, and it's much more embedded in the culture. There's a lot going on in Texas, and Houston is very international, more so than Dallas." Thanks to some successful shows, he had bought a colonial-style house with a wonderful garden, to which he added a big swimming pool. People here don't realise that Houston is very lush, verdant and, yes, humid, that's the hardest thing. But it's marvellous to have sunshine most of the time. And Houston is a

friendly city." However, he is happy now to be back in Somerset - you don't get villages called



Boshier: missed pavement, landscape and humour

Kingsbury Episcopi in Texas.
"In the Fifties and Sixties art school opened up the only possibility for working-class kids to get a further education. based on artistic rather than academic skills. At that time my parents lived in Basingstoke, quite near Aldermaston, and I became sort of involved in the anti-nuclear move-ment." He has, he says, always striven to make his work socially orientated, in the

His method has been to draw heavily, and often sardonically, on newspapers and advertisements. His new paintings refer either directly or obliquely to events such as the Bulger murder case, the Waco holocaust, and the big IRA bomb in the City. Often they feature a dominant rectangle of a single colour which seems to squeeze the action, portrayed in black and white photographic images, to the

do formally is to flip the traditional relationship between the foreground and the background, so that the action is sort of hidden or reversed." One of his favourite images

failing man, a sort of Everyman, which he once adapted photographically for a record cover showing his friend and collector David Bowie spreadeagled. "It's a free-floating thing, a symbol of liberty, of countering gravity, of free-dom," Boshier's restless preoccupation with humanity, with puts it, remains undimished by his move to Somerset. His next show is on a kibbutz in Israel. He will go on seeking to regenerate himself as an artist. As he puts it: "I'm interested in what I don't know, in finding out. Life is a gift." Derek Boshier's recent paintings are at Connaught Brown.

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from March 22 to April 20.

show what can be done with since the early Sixties is of a planes of pure colour. Dave few figure paintings in the show — is more graphic and energetic (as befits its subject, a pageant from a Sussex mystery play). At the other end of the spectrum, the tonal subtleties of John Foyle's Eucalyptus Tree seem more in the tradition of Impressionism than the Abstract Expressionthe amorphous us", as he ism to which Cook's painting nervous energy of John Tay-lor's red and white landscape, Overflow, seems poles apart from the fluid serenity of Sophie Reason's From the Phoenix, in Spring, and yet

less versatility of paint, and the ways in which it can be used to embody a whole range of responses to landscape. John Leach's Scree Slope.

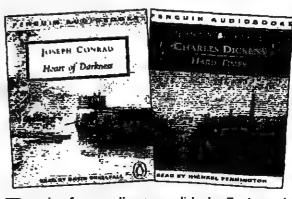
Wales displays a monumental approach to its subject which also to be found in other works in the show, notably Julian Le Bas's lyrical sea scapes. Don Doody's Irish Landscape, which overlays the landscape of the South Downs with a veil of Celtic mysticism, and Bob Stone's Blue Storm, a study of clouds massing over a French mountainside, typify the Expressionist mood of a number of the works, whose concern seems as much with internal as actual landscapes.

The Russian-born Tanya Litvinov (represented here by Brighton Townscape with Fig-ure) has described her fellow artists as "by no means naturalistic realists" — and certain-ly none of this work, despite its commitment to the forms of the real world, could be characterised as slavishly representational.

There is a dogged traditionalism about painting in oil on canvas this late in the 20th century - something of which the group's members are very much aware. The show's manifesto speaks of the need to transcend the traditions of the past in order to forge a new kind of experiment, one free of the gimmickry and nihilism which characterise so much recent conceptual art. "Only painting is truly subversive," Foyle says. Looking at the vitality of the work of display here, it is not hard to see what

he means. ● Territory, Phoenix Gallery, Brighton (01273 603700) from tomorrow to April 13

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Opening night for Maria Friedman in Sondheim's musical Passion

VENUE: Tonight at

the Queen's Theatre



Valery Gergiev conducts Berlioz's The Damnation of Faust

CHOICE 2

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THEATRE 2.4

New Age or Muddle rules Strangest Meeting

NOON

TAKEMETSU TRUBUTE: Andrew Davis and the BBC Symphony Orchestre loson last Friday's concert with a second piece of the Japanese composer's exquisite and original work: his Toward the Sea II is paired with Mozert's Plano Concerto (Lars Vogit the soloist), and Vaughen Williams's Pastoral Symptony. Feedball Half. South Bank, 821 (0171-960 4242) Tonight, 7 30pm. (2)

PASSION: Opening right for Michael Ball, Mana Friedrich and Heren Hobson by Sondhern's Mast implication for 19th-century liarly where a young soldier is from between his mistress and his colonel's intinguing, isotated cousin. Jeremy Sertis directs. Queen's, Staffesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5590), Tonight, 7pm. Then Man-Sal. 7 45pm; meta Wed and Set,

STAR-STUDDED BERLIOZ. Valery Gerglev, the british diel conductor of the Knov Opera, takes up the battor for loright is Royal Philtramonic Orchestra performance of Berlioz's Demonstron of temps as responding to the state of the stat

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Gade, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706). Previews lonight, Wed, and opens Mar 28, 9pm, Urdf. Apr. 13.

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◆ CASINO (18): Scoresse's spic of Las Vegas in the 1970s; glorious background detail, but the human drama flags. With Robert De Nico.

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#### TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts compiled by Kris Anderson

ELSEWHERE APPRIORITY: Scottan Appropriate Continues to dezzie audiences with one of its best programmes for quite a time The remainte level La Sylphide is complemented by Mark Baldwin's new ballet Ae Fond Kiss, which tekes its title from Burns's poem and its inspiration from Stravinsky's Divertimento from Le His Majesty's, Rosemount Visituat (01224 641122) Tonight-Sat, 7 30pm; mat Wed. 2pm and Set, 2-30pm. [5]

MISSH WYCOMESE: The Sweet's two-

with the most invovative Swan Lake seen in years: Matthew Bourne's striking reinterpretation for his Adventures in Melion Metures company Adam Cooper and Flora Checkrick lead superb al-male corps de ballet. Wycombe Swan, St Mary Street (01494 512000) Torright-Set, 7.30pm; mals Wed, 2pm and Set, 2.30pm. (a)

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■ FROCES Floria Latro's production of Aristophanes that misses many of the ongreal points, including the life-ordeath Issue of more inspiration.

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M AN INSPECTOR CALLS: Stephen Delay's powerful production, with Nicholae Woodeson as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Susan Engel as the pilers of society. Gerrick, Charlog Cross Flood, WC2 (1)171-494 5086), Mon-Fn, 7,45pm; Sat, 8,15pm; mats Wed, 2,30pm, Sar, 5pm.

LADY INTO FOX: Intimate muscal by Nei Bartiett and Nicolas Biocrafield based on David Gamett's mysterious, chilling novelle. Starring Louise Gold and Dale Rapley, with Biocrafield at the Lyric Studio, King Stiest, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311)

Previews tonight and Wild, Spm. Opens Thurs, 7pm; until Apr 20

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VENUE: Tonight at the Albert Hall LIVERPOOL: Dublin's Abbey Theelie

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A TALENT TO AMESE The words and music of Noál Coward, brought to the with skillful, sometimes miscriterous charm, by Peter Greenwelt. Vaudeville, Strand (0171-836 9987) Tongin-Sat, Born, Wed, Sat, 3pm.

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■ THEATRE 1

as the cult hit Rent transfers the La Bohème story to a loft in Manhattan

Old Camelot? in a wacky musical, The

THEATRE: Puccini transported to the Lower East Side, plus limp London fringe offerings

# A Bohemian in the Big Apple

NYTW, New York

ent has become the talk of New York. Not the exorbitant prices locals pay for tiny apartments (although that is always a topic) but Rent, the New York Theatre Workshop production of a new rock musical version of La Bohême. Tickets for the show, in a 150-seat theatre, are hotter than lava.

As Hair did almost 30 years ago, Rent embraces multiculturalism, sexual freedom and antimaterialism. Unlike Hair, however, it arrives with tragic overtones. Its creator, Jonathan Larson, died of an aortic aneurysm on the final night of rehearsals in January.

He was only 35. Rent transplants La Bohème's characters to New York City's Lower East Side. Living in an unheated loft are Mark, a video artist, and his friend Roger, an aspiring composer. Their friend Collins, a black man, is HIV positive, as is his new-found flame Angel Schunard, a Latino transvestite. Meanwhile, Mark's former girlfriend. Maureen, has recently dumped him for a black leshian named Joanne. Only Mimi is still Mimi, although she loses a stash of heroin instead of a key.

Larson's artists face a harsher world than Puccini's. These are not colourful street vendors but homeless wanderers in overcoats and knitted caps (costurnes by Angela Wendt), moving through Paul Clay's set of cinder blocks and metal piping. Sex and jealousy are still powerful forces: Fredi Walker's gentle but tortured Joanne suspects Maureen (Idina Menzel) of flirting with certain rubber-clad women, while Adam Pascal's explosive Roger, a former junkie, tries to resist Daphne Rubin-Vega's sexually

A TIME you thought dead and buried is back to haunt you in The Strangest Meeting. Arthur, a City speculator, is taking a country stroll. His vaguely hippy fiancée Jennifer is disgruntled. Next thing you know. Sir Lancelot is rearing his head out of an ancient well which he apparently shares with a foursome of weird sisters, formerly pagan maidens ravished by King Arthur's

Christian knights. Today they are ecologically irate. Our contemporary Arthur plans to quarry their mountain to build a motorway. Jennifer, being in touch with nature and stuff, hears the warnings of the erstwhile virgins. Soon she and the supposedly entrancing Lancelot are getting steamy.

Finally, the earth goddess whom the well-dwellers worship gives Jennifer a choice. She can carry on living with Arthur the Un-Green or bed down with Lancelot and Co, who muddily represent the elemental forces of the land and/or an orginatic sect of New Age campers.

Stiffly written by Jean Robinson, this revamped myth is Love in a freaked-out climate: Adam Pascal as former junkie Roger, Daphne Rubin-Vega as stripper Mimi

Mimi. For a junkie and a stripper in an S&M club, Rubin-Vega's Mimi is more winsome than one might expect.

However, Rent has its imperfections. Mark and Roger's espousal of the principle of never paying their rent smacks of immaturity or special plead-ing for artists. It is hard to join in their scorn for Benny, their former roommate-turned-landlord, played by Taye Diggs with forbearance. (His "akita named Evita" was driven to bark itself

to death by Angel's drumming, in one of the best comic twists on Puccini.) Satires on a perky talk-show hostess and of overly solicitous or self-absorbed parents are facile. At its best, though, Rent mingles humour and hearthreak. When Roger and Mimi's medical beepers go off simultaneously, each realises that the other is taking

Larson's score includes love ballads, rock, gospel and even a tango, al-

though a couple of the songs have lyrics of numbing banality: "The earth turns, the sun burns..." But such imperfections are offset by the cast's fierce passion and talent. Warts and all. Rent is a musical theatre watershed which confirms that Larson was an important artist. Rent closes next Sunday but will

reopen on Broadway on April 29.

# Square pegs connect with round tables

stuck in its own time warp. The basement studio of the Baron's Court Theatre is mysteriously trapped somewhere in the Seventies. The ladies of the well curse in incantatory rhyming couplets while writhing around in extra-large Tshirts. Lancelot minces about in mime-shoes trying to act like a wicked bit of rough. No one knows where to look, although they all glare significantly.

The Brits of the Dark Ages obviously hadn't quite musical theatre down to a fine art. The rhyming couplets bowl along with all the smoothness of square wheels. Lady Guinevere, launching into her love number, hits rocky patches. Still, her song seems to inspire Lancelot, who drops to his knees and crawls about flexing a selection of limbs in retarded motion.

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himself as a novelist, Dublinborn Dermot Bolger has been turning his hand to plays of Lament for Arthur Cleary, arrived at the Edinburgh Festival in 1990. It won a Scotsman Fringe First, the Samuel Beckett Award, and was broadcast on Radio 4. Last summer, Bolger took home another Fringe First for The

Holy Ground. In the light of all that, you might expect better from Baby Jean (at the BAC, Battersea) But there are only booby prizes for this confusing and embarrassing melodrama about poisoned neighbourly relations in suburban Ireland. Bolger's three-hander — a between the parents of a pregnant schoolgirl and the white-collar middle-aged rapist from next door presumably meant to be charged with menace, suspense and emotional explo-

Unfortunately the frightful goings-on at the Farrells' place resemble the Borgias doing their worst in a semi-detached Mrs Farrell seethes and spits and insinuates that Redmond the rapist could "disappear". Her husband is to be found trussing and blindfolding his former buddy, who incidentally has an obliging habit of losing consciousness. The inflamed Mr Farrell, clearly a tame civil servant no longer, is soon flicking his lighter inches from Redmond's shirt, which he has savagely doused with

**EDWARD KARAM** This play does have a stabit "... tackling serious issues. It considers the Irish and ethical: dilemmas: frustration, age, alcoholism and abortion: anger and guilt; the hostilities and sympathies between male friends and between a mother and her teenage daughter.

Designer Soraya Allison's

split-level house has potential,

with its pokey bedroom and

quietly dreary downmarket However, the script gets into a pickle. Cryptic allusions to past misdeeds are more bemusing than intriguing Mrs Farrell's overwritten maternal monologues do not ring true. However, equally to blame is this unpolished staging by Lucid Productions (a stupendous misnomer). John Gunnery's Redmond nervously gabbles his lines when he hould be reeling drunk, casually nasty or dangerously unstable. Meanwhile, Christopher Dunne's Farrell.

Sound advice. KATE BASSETT

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TOMORROW

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**OPERA** 

# Music as the food of lust

CHABRIER was particularly good at writing music to make babies to", as he so charmingly put it, and while the specific point of reference was hix soft-porn cantata La Sulamite, there are several passages in the improbably named grand opera Gwendoline that bring such activities to mind.

The eight-minute en-tracte and the long, rap-turous wedding scene are especially suggestive of rumpled sheets, and I dare say a physiologist could map out a chart equating Chabrier's stepmodulations with various states of arousal.

So much is beyond dispute; the great mystery is why Gwendoline (1896) ever won the reputation of being Wagnerian. There is a fleeting reference to Brangane's Watch from Tristan, and that's about it: the rest is as French as a packet of Gitanes on a Sevres plate in the Petit Trianon. Its ancestors are Berlioz and Gounod, its heirs the Debussy of Pelleas and all of Ravel.

Maybe it's the action, set as it is among warring Saxons and Danes in 8thcentury Britain, with a hero who's been too busy with fire and sword ever to have met a woman, plus references to Valhaila and Odin.

The Cheisea Opera Group's rumbustious

Gwendo<u>lin</u>e Oueen Elizabeth

concert performance on Sunday made a strong case for Gwendoline as one of Chabrier's most possible stage works. Unlike the incomplete Briseis, which stays up on a cloud nine of ecstasy for its whole duration. Gwendoline is full of variety - war music. wedding music, rustic music - and has a coherent dramatic shape.

The big tunes, the deli-

cate spinning duet in which the Saxon heroine tames. Omphale-style. her Danish admirer (to the amazement of his followers, who are bent on traditional rape and pillage), the moment they fall in love (woodwind lines semi-chastely intertwining in semitones) there is scarcely a duff bar in the score, and with less than two hours of music there is little time to worry about the ineffable Catulle Mendes's less-than-convincing libretto. The right analogy is Bizet's Pearl Fishers: the power of the music sweeps all doubts away.

THE conductor, Andrew Greenwood, showed true understanding of the idiom, both its energy and its lyricism, catching its perfumed ebb and flow and really earning the climaxes. He assorted provided ideal support for the soloists, willing them to sing as expressively as possible.

Donald Maxwell, visibly fighting a heavy cold. sang heroically as the Danish hero, and in good. clear French. Christine Bunning was especially affecting in Gwendoline's gentler moments and rose fearlessly to the -- I was about to write Wagnerian - finale. Ian Caley's tenor sounded authentically French as her devious

father. In an operatic world that was not restricted to revivals of Tosca. Gwendoline would be a prime candidate for a slap-up new production. It is a musical goldmine (or brothel, if you prefer).

RODNEY MILNES

# The Arts Council launches a new policy today to secure a better deal for dance. Debra Craine reports



Robert Cohan's Stabat Mater, currently revived by Rambert Dance Company, is the kind of classic modern work that would benefit from a change in Arts Council policy

#### he Arts Council has a new policy on dance. This morning Lord Gowrie will unveil an 18-page document that sets out to define the priorities for dance funding in England for the foreseeable future. At this point you are proba-

bly thinking about turning the page. But wait. If you are one of the 4.3 million people who attend dance performances every year, read on. For this will affect what you see on stage.

Dancers are not very good at expressing themselves verbally. And neither, it seems, are dance bureaucrats. The report, The Policy for Dance f the English Arts Funding System, does not make terribly exciting reading. There are enough woolly generalisations and vaguely worded good intentions to deter even the most determined dance consumer. Yet buried inside are some eminently admirable

The Arts Council wants to see a higher profile for dance, recognising that the art form needs to climb out of its selfimposed ghetto. So the new policy will be to increase the number of dance performances - even the number of companies - and find more

theatres to put them in. The Arts Council is reaffirming its commitment to the

# Ten cents a dance is no longer enough

national dance house, but it dearly remains a long-term goal. In the meantime, more and better buildings for dance will be developed across the country to handle increased touring by the existing companies. And new performing spaces will be squaht outside the traditional theatres places like shopping malls, airports, or the concrete walk-

The Arts Council will also work to improve the status and welfare of dancers themselves, traditionally at the bottom of the performing ladder. Working conditions, salaries, pension provisions and contracts will all be looked at. The message is simple, says

Hilary Carty, Director of Dance for the Arts Council. 'Holistically, we are seeking a better environment, whether you are doing it or whether you are watching it." What you are watching is

also a priority under the new establishment of a flagship

policy. There will be increased support for new work, but this doesn't mean carte blanche for self-indulgent choreographers. "Production needs to be balanced with consumption." says the report, "and companies will be encouraged to con-

sider audiences needs and marketing as an integral part of artistic policy. In order words, think about whom you're making dances for. Someone has to want to pay to

see them.

Neither is old work forgotten. Contemporary dance, espe-cially, has been rather cavalier about shelving its past (classical ballet swings to the other extreme, eschewing the new in favour of the tried and true).

recognising our contemporary dance heritage and the Arts Council wants to see this situation rectified

"A lot of companies are looking at revivals of their work and promoters are keen to see more reviv-

"We can't afford to ditch our past." How true. Dance Compaaffect what ny's current re-4.3 million Cohan's Stabat Mater proves, people see there was some outstanding on stage 🤊 work in the Seventies and Eight-

ies that deserves to be seen again. So the formula now looks like this: successful old work and better new work danced more often in improved theatres by dancers who are better paid. It all sounds money to come from? There will certainly be no

increase in the Government's grant to the Arts Council just the reverse, in fact. Al-ready the dance department. which this year is pouring £23 million into the public funding of dance in England, is supporting fewer companies in an effort to fund them better. So all eyes will naturally be turned towards the only fat wallet in town, the National

"We have to look at the lottery," says Carty. "There is a new direction for the lottery and dance companies have to keep their eye on the prize." But the odds of claiming a

big enough prize are almost as long as winning the lottery itself. Alternative sources of funding will need to be explored, both from the private sector and from local authorities. The report also applauds the growth in the number of

promoters who commission dance, and says collaborations between promoters and dance artists will be encouraged. Earnings abroad are another possibility: with the support of the British Council, enhanced international touring and ex-change could provide British choreographers and dancers with a larger marketplace for

their work. Meanwhile, the next few years will see major changes in dance provision in London with the closure and redevelopment of Covent Garden, Sadler's Wells and — possibly the Coliseum. The Royal Ballet, for example, is spreading itself around four venues in the capital: the Albert Hall, the Coliseum, the Festival Hall and the Barbican Theatre, which plans to turn itself into a part-time dance house while the RSC decamps to Stratford.

In the enthusiastic race to score artistic points in time for the millennium, there will be a lot of competition for money and the public spotlight. Dance, which speaks with the quietest voice, will have to learn how to scream a little louder if it wants to be heard above the din. Maybe after launching its whispering new policy document today, the Arts Council's dance department can turn its attention to that priority.

# COMEDY

### Laughs in the isles

BEFORE the advent of The Voice, that feisty Brixton-based tabloid, Britain's leading black newspaper was the high-minded West Indian World. The routine there was fairly laid-back, as anyone who worked there will testify. and it was no great surprise when the paper finally closed. But on one point the publisher was implacable: West Indians were to be described, in print, as "Westindians", the idea being that in the less than welcoming Mother Country immigrants had to put aside inter-island rivalries,

A joy of Felix Dexter's act is the way in which he shows that beneath the inner-city accents many of the old instincts linger. Jamaicans tend to look down on Barbadians, Barbadians still regard Jam-

Felix Dexter Lewisham Theatre

aicans as unruly and both often see the other "small islanders" as bumpkins.

Any rising black comedian is doomed to be hailed as "the new Lenny Henry". Dexter. whose monologues are the wittiest segment of BBC2's quickfire sketch show, The Real McCov, does not yet have Henry's broad repertoire of characters, but has already marked out his own, more

rootsy territory.

His most vivid creation is
Nathaniel, the West African "student" who never allows his continual failure to pass his accountancy exams to un-dermine his self-confidence. No less than Alf Garnett, he cherishes his own set of stereotypes about Jamaicans, their BMWs and their women.

A master of dialect and nuance. Dexter shifts seamlessly between patois, Cockney and the Sloane banter of a self satisfied public school "brother". His portrayal of a zealous Underground ticket inspector determined to stamp out "foolishness" is poignant and amusing, teasing out the differences in attitudes towards authority of the first-generation immigrants and their grandchildren.

But when he moves away from race altogether, he is astonishingly funny in the best tradition of robust, colour-blind humour.

CLIVE DAVIS

#### CONCERTS: Tribute to John Drummond; South Pole rediscovered; numbers add up for Avanti!

There are few mechanisms for

AT A concert given in his honour by the BBC Philhar-monic, Sir John Drummond might have been expected to smile benignly from his seat at the front of the circle and, at the end, offer a modest wave to the audience and orchestra.

In fact, no: he opted instead for the rather more conspicuous role of presenting the programme from the platform, introducing each item with engaging urbanity and only the occasional indication that an outstandingly successful Controller of Radio 3 and director of the Proms does not have to be an infallible musi-

The programme he compiled with Yan Pascal Tortelier - all of it French was characteristically well designed and the choice of soloists uncommonly interesting. He could scarcely have done better than select Kathryn Stott, who blended the brittle and the expressive in exactly the right proportions in Ravel's Piano Concerto in

AVANTI! still deserves the exclamation

mark which is an integral part of its name. The Finnish ensemble that can

make itself small enough to play an

avant-garde work for two drumsticks, or

large enough to take on Beethoven's

Ninth, visited London at the invitation of

the Nash Ensemble to represent a lively

Finnish quota within the Nash's enter-prising 20th-century Music Series.

The group appeared in its incarnations

as quartet quintet, septet - even as

soloist - and spanned three generations

of Finnish composers. The central and by

far the most important work of the

evening was Magnus Lindberg's Clari-

net Quintet. This classical work of 1992

carries Lindberg's boast that it contains

the only slow movement he has ever

written. However, as the quintet is in one,

single hyperactive movement, this may

well seem like yet another instance of the

composer's laconic humour.

## French with few tears

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G. Her precarious relationship with the evidently hard-pressed woodwind in the finale was no more than an authentic reflection of the composer's taste for living dangerously at the time he wrote it. Maria Ewing's interpretation of Berlioz's Les Nuits d'été was less convincing. After all, they are just songs, and not ently wanted to make them, or

and lingering introspection can cause a singer to lose touch with the melodic inspiration and rhythmic impulse of these pieces, just as Ewing did in Sur les Lagunes in particular. With such a persuasive personality and such resources of vocal colour available over a wide range, it was frustrating to hear the darker songs in the middle less well characterised than the comparatively playful ones that open and close the set.

The concert began with Bizet's Symphony in C, which Tortelier rather surprisingly treated as if it were early Beethoven rather than a charmingly modest item in a purely French tradition. It ended with the second suite from Roussel's Bacchus et Ariane where — in a perfor-mance remarkable for its wholeheartedly dramatic orientation and sustained energy - the BBC Philharmonic finally sounded at its best.

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But there, among the whirring scale

fragments which turn the clarinet (Kari

Kriikku) into a miraculous humming-

bird, and the dynamic processes which

push the music to its extremes, is an off-

centre section of almost unbearable

suspense. This "slow movement" builds

rather than releases tension, forcing a

loud, long single note out of the clarinet

before a climactic coda unwinds the

This work, like Stravinsky's The Sol-

dier's Tale, whose concert suite ended the

evening, will surely stand the test of time.

I am less sure about Usko Meriläinen's

Metamorfora per 7, originally commis-

sioned in 1968 as a little three-movement

companion piece to the Stravinsky and,

music in playful simplicity.

# Icy inspiration

AT A time when film music could be admired as an art as well as a craft, Vaughan Williams evolved an entire symphony from his film score for Scott of the Antarctic (1948). The Sinfonia antartica, as he called it. seventh of his nine symphonies, was long treated far too condescendingly on account of its provenance. But Andrew Davis, with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, has now joined a handful of other conductors in the present generation to give the work its due.

His performance in this programme, one of the BBC's successful sit-where-you-likefor-£10-a-ticket concerts, gave the symphony all the spacious grandeur its pictorial element can take. But at the same time he probed the universal and philosophical significance embodied in it - of human GERALD LARNER endeavour choosing to con-

in its meticulously composed variations,

sharing its instrumentation and some-

Lindberg's contemporary, Kaija Saar-

iaho, was represented by a piece of ephemera: the Nocturne for solo violin

(John Storgards) which she wrote as a

response to the death of Lutoslawski.

even as she was working on her Violin

Concerto, premiered at last year's Proms.

A single note quivers out of silence into

its own harmonics, and spends some six

minutes as an uneasy spectre struggling

From Seppo Pohjola, a pupil of

Lindberg, we heard the UK premiere of

his Second String Quartet. This is a

substantial work of tough, post-serial writing, challenging each instrument

and tugging the listener between propul-

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sive energy and sudden stasis.

thing of its character.

**BBCSO/Davis** Festival Hall front implacable natural forces. Hence the chilling effect of offstage wordless women's voices from the BBC Symphony Chorus, and of solo soprano Patricia Rozario evoking the white wilderness with the brittleness of keyboard tone, while the wider range of instrumental sonorities created tone-pictures of ever-changing focus.

The balance of detail was

securely woven and only the lack of sufficient forceful momentum in the scherzo movement and the epilogue detracted from the imposing effect of the whole. The concert was dedicated to the memory of Toru

Takemitsu, most poetic of Japanese composers, who died last month. Dreams and images of water always stirred his imagination, and both were combined in I Hear the Dreaming which began the programme. A short. Debussy-like impressionistic rhapsody for flute and orchestra, it offered a limpid flute solo from Patrick Gallois, and delicate orchestral textures. Between these works the

Portuguese Artur Pizarro was a likeable piano soloist in Mozart's C Major Concerto (K503), notable for his clarity of articulation in rapid lingerwork and decorative passages unafraid to add extra embellishment where he thought it appropriate, and always exuding poise and confidence in making the solo writing tell. Davis ensured he had sympathetic and perceptive support.

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# Real time, false logic

**David Thomas** 

challenges one aspect of Michael Howard's new sentencing

proposals, due out this week

Michael He vard outlined at the Conservative Party conference his plans for tougher sentences, he also indicated plans for doing away with the system of early release of prisoners, and making them serve their sentences in full.

The move seemed to be part of a wider policy of gening tough on crime. It had one overwhelming drawback. If courts continued to pass the same sentences as at present, but affenders served the whole of the term rather than one half of the sentence, as usually happens now, there would quickly be a dramatic rise in the prison population. Precise calculations are impossible. but probably the number of people in prison on any one day would go up by between 25,000 and 30,000 within a period of about two years.

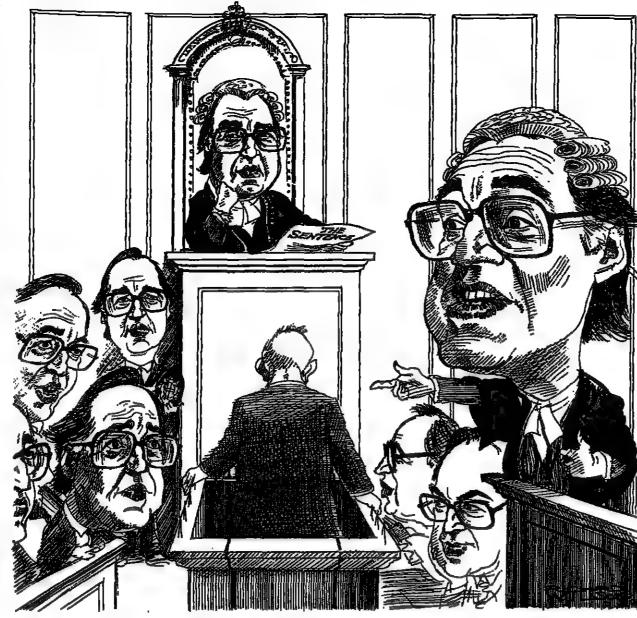
Clearly, it is impossible to expand the capacity of the prison system to this extent in such a short time, particularly with severe restraints on public expenditure. But it seems that Mr Howard's promise has been misunderstood. The objective — in the plan for "real time" sentences at least is not tougher sentencing, but more honest sentencing.

The Home Secretary argues that the public is being misled by hearing a court pass a sentence of imprisonment for a number of years, without knowing what it really means. His solution is simple: make the sentence shorter, but make the offender serve the whole. or almost all, of the sentence. The public would then know exactly what the courts were doing in their name. What is

A great deal. The current system of early release is relatively new. It was put in ie Cominai Ji Act of 1991 and came into effect in 1992. Unlike many of the changes in the law on sentencing in the past decade this one was based on carefully thought-out proposals, made by a committee chaired by Lord Carlyle, QC.

The new system has the virtue of simplicity and fairness. It divides prisoners into two categories - shorttermers serving less than four years, and long-termers serving four years or more.

A short-term prisoner serves half of the sentence passed by the court: the second half of the sentence is suspended. If, how-



☐ THE Home Secretary is expected to publish his White Paper this week. Lord Taylor, the Lord Chief Justice, says the proposals will not deter offenders and will achieve nothing more than "a bonanza for prison architects". The White Paper will propose: minimum three-year terms for persistent burglars, six years for repeat drug dealers; automatic life sentence for second-time rapists and armed robbers; real-time sentences and ending automatic inclusion of time on remand as part of jail term.

serve the remainder of the sentence. There is no remission have to serve.

A complex structure of sentencing practices, developed over several decades by thousands of decisions of the Court of Appeal in individual cases, supplemented by judicial sem-inars, would be thrown away overnight.

Meanwhile, individual judges would find their own way. The result would then be unacceptable inconsistency.

In this respect, Mr Howard's proposed system would be far less honest than the system we have. It would also be more lenient. A person prisonment now comes out after 18 months, with what amounts to an 18-month suspended sentence. Under Mr Howard's system, the offender would be sentenced to 18 months, serve 18 months and be released with no further

There is an easier way to achieve a sentencing system that is not open to any charge of deception. It does not require an alteration of the system, or even legislation. If judges were to explain the effect of a sentence when passed, nobody would be left in doubt about what it meant.

conference at Liverpool's Adelphi Hotel on April 17.

Restrictions were intro-duced in 1994 and many believe - unlawful."

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ever, the prisoner commits another offence during the second half of the sentence, he can for good behaviour; prisoners who offend in jail have extra days added to the time they

A long-term prisoner is in much the same position, except that he or she is not entitled to release at the halfway stage: the offender may be required to remain in prison until two thirds of the sentence has been served. Whenever prisoners are released, they are liable to return to prison to serve the balance if they

There is nothing dishonest

a few simple steps can find out how it works. Anyone who can case of a long-term prisoner) can calculate the real effect of any sentence. There is no hidden discretion in the case of short-term prisoners, and in the case of long-term prisoners it is limited to the choice between release after half and

about this. Anyone who takes

ut acrapping this system in favour of one under which prisoners served the whole or almost the whole of their sentences would have grave consequences. The guidelines, tariffs and sentencing conven-tions by which judges are

new rights for defendants and

access to independent lawyers

at an early stage after arrest. Peter Goldsmith, QC, for-

mer Bar chairman, said the

news comes after a series of

visits by Bar leaders, includ-

ing himself and Robert Seabrook, QC, his predeces-

sor. If adopted, the reforms -

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Carol Prescott, the adminis-

trator, says the institute is

working on six research pro-jects, but expects the number

degree in the subject

Ethics check

to grow as doctors and lawyers battle with the myriad ethical problems linked to medicine that are becoming more acute as resources to fund care dwindle. The institute is holding its inaugural

Helping women HARMAN & Harman, a Canterbury law firm, has been granted leave to take judicial review proceedings against the Legal Aid Board over the lack of legal aid for victims of domestic violence and intimidation.

women are now excluded from the scheme. Sarah Harman, senior partner, says: "Legal aid is not available, for former partner molests her by such means as telephone calls or stalking her at home or work. To restrict legal aid to situations where a woman has already suffered more than one recent serious assault is harsh and -- we

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# Protecting the right to private passion

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gave a second reading to the Sexual Orientation Discrimination Bill. Baroness Turner's Bill would, if enacted, make it unlawful to discriminate in employment against a person because he or she is for is thought to be) homosexual, lesbian or bisexual. The Bill will now be considered by the House of Lords in committee.

The case for legislation is overwhelming. Parliament has made it unlawful for employ ers to discriminate against employees, and prospective employees, by reference to a variety of characteristics which are irrelevant to an employee's ability to do the job: race, sex, marital status and (most recently) disability. To prohibit employers from taking decisions based on such irrelevant personal factors promotes both social justice and business efficiency. People's sexual orientation is as immaterial to their ability to do a job as is their race or sex. Yet discrimination against

homosexuals and lesbians in the workplace remains common. Of course, legislation should not impose unreason-able burdens on industry. But for Parliament to do nothing would aid and abet injustice.

The failure of politicians in various countries to take effective action against sexual orientation discrimination has led victims to seek redress from courts. Their lawyers have found that the right to sexual idiosyncrasy is not easy to defend in the passionless atmosphere of a court of law. The law depends on logical rules but, as Pascal observed in his Pensées in 1670, "the heart has its reasons which reason knows nothing of".

The extent to which courts have required the State to protect individuals from discrimination because of their sexuality, and to respect the right to private life, is the subject of an important new book, Sexual Orientation and Human Rights (Oxford University Press, £40) by Dr Robert Winternute, a lecturer in law at King's College, University of London. He assesses judicial consideration of the rights of homosexuals, lesbians and bisexuals in three jurisdictions: under the United States Constitution, the European Convention on Human Rights, and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

At one extreme of judicial responses is the dismissive reaction of the majority of the United States Supreme Court in Bowers v Hardwick in 1986. By five votes to four, the court rejected a claim that the Constitution confers a right for adult men to engage in private, consensual sexual relations without being prosecuted. Justice White concluded that it was "at best facetious" to contend that the constitutional notion of liberty confers "a

fundamental right to engage in homosexual

At the other extreme is the judgment of the European Court of Human Rights in Dud-geon v United Kingdom in 1981. The court decided that the prohibition on homosexual conduct between consenting adults in private in Northern Ireland was a breach of human rights because it "concerns a most intimate aspect of private life" and so "there must exist particularly serious reasons before interferences on the part of the public authorities can be legitimate".

The European Court has based its jurisprudence on the powerful theory that the State should protect people's fundamental choices as to how to live their private lives, unless there is a strong justification for interference. Surprisingly, and unpersuasively, Dr-Wintemute prefers to analyse sexual orientation issues as an aspect of sex discrimination law. He cites, with approval, the 1993 decision

of the California Court of Appeal that a publisher's refusal to include a photograph of a male ex-student and his male partner in a high-school class reunion picture book was unlawful sex discrimination because the publisher would not have objected if the former student's partner was female, rather than male.

Disappointingly, Dr Wintemute only assesses the case for finding prima facie violations of the rights of homosexuals and lesbians. He will need to produce another volume to consider the strengths and weaknesses of the justifications (such as morality, public health, the rights of others) which have been asserted as the basis for discriminating against people on

the ground of their sexual orientation, or interfering with their right to private life. In his book Sex and Reason, Judge Richard Posner of the United States Court of Appeals suggested that when judges decide cases about sex they "know next to nothing about the subject beyond their own personal experience, which is limited — perhaps more

so than average — because people with irregular sex lives are pretty much (not entirely, of course) screened out of the judiciary". Dr Wintemute's work is recommended to judges and politicians who wish to improve their education. It is a valuable contribution to the continuing debate about why and how legal principle should protect the basic right to private passion whether individuals choose to spend their evenings with their

stamp collection. The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.

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### Election on the menu

ELECTION fever has already begun to take hold at the Law Society with the announcement by David Keating, a council member, that he will stand for the deputy vice-presidency at the next election. Mr Keating is a firm sup-porter of Martin Mears, the current president.

Meanwhile. Mr Mears has been spreading his message to the profession in person. Last week he was in Manchester, where he was reported to have made short work of a hearty cooked breakfast during a morning meeting with 50 members of the local Law Society. By all accounts, he made a

good impression. Anne Kershaw, the local president, says his "fresh approach" to the job

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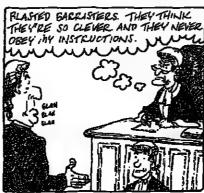






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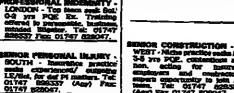
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Chris Barton looks at the progress of a Bill with serious implications for the family

# Divorced from the facts

hould busy divorce practi-tioners bother to keep abreast of the convolutions of the Family Law Bill, which reached the House of Commons yesterday after its out-of-town tour of the Lords? Or should they see what it looks like - if anything - after the Royal Assent? Perhaps they should wait until after the two years of pre-implementation trials. After all, what was the point of bothering with the 1991 Child Support Act before it came into force in 1993, or the 1989 Children Act before its 1991 activa-

in fact, family lawyers are not indifferent to the sight of divorce blowing about in the parliamentary wind. Their view of what is, and is not, important in the Bill is likely to be the very opposite of political, media and public perceptions.

#### WOMEN LAWYERS

THREE leading women Queen's Counsel — Helena Kennedy, Cherie Booth and Loura Cox — are taking part in the second ure taking part in the second Woman Lawyer conference to be held on April 20. Other leading participants include Mr Justice Sedley, Mrs Justice Arden. Martin Means, the Law Society president, and David Penry-Davey, QC. A few places remain for the one-day conference, spongored by The Times. sored by The Times.

● Details: Blair Communications & Marketing, 0171-722 9731. □ Women barristers are expanding their formal network through the Association of Women Barrislers. The association is setting up groups - initially in Manchester, Nottingham and Southampton for women practising on circuit: meetings have already been fixed for those on the Western Circuit (Southampton, April 19) and on the Midland and Oxford Circuit (Nottingham, May 3). The Bar has six circuits representing bar-

risters outside London. Details: Ms Hewson, 0171-404 These last are concerned with the abolition of fault, and with the length of the period for "reflection and consideration", whereas divorce professionals are more worried about the de-lawyering of the

process in favour of mediation.

It is going to be difficult for lawyers to persuade people of their impartiality in that respect: perhaps that leaves the importance of pension-splitting as the only com-mon ground. In the House of Lords, Baroness Young remarked that "One can always find a lawyer to support any point of view that one puts forward ... the more one pays them, the better they do it." On the other hand, the Children

Act Advisory Committee Report for 1994-95 spoke of family cases being conducted by "young and inexperi-enced barristers". Yet the cry of individual divorcing spouses, certainly those who can afford it, is likely to remain "Get me the best

lawyer," rather than "Get the best mediator".

The pre-West End season in the Lords failed to iron out many of the difficulties, despite their Lordships' experience in legislating for divorce in 1670 in favour of one of their own number, Lord Roos. His 1996 successors turned their attention to the question of which harms children the most: their parents' unhappy marriage, their separation or the divorce. It now appears that the members of the Lower House, spurred by conscience or by a desire to parade as supporters of the family, are to be given a free vote to select 18 months or even two years as the waiting period in such cases, despite the Lord Chancellor's overall preference for only one year.

Lord Stoddart mentioned American disenchantment with their own previously liberalised divorce laws. A similar transatlantic retrenching is reported in connection with "no fault" divorce. In 1969, the "happy divorce movement" in California claimed that the abolition of fault in divorce would save marriages, and yet nine states of the ations in these petitions are not median time of six months for Staffordshire University.



union are now restoring it, in the face of an average 26 per cent rise in dissolutions in those states that had done away with it.

Here Lord Ashbourne pointed out that the Family Law Bill, which would excise the already notional ground of "irretrievable behavfour", is more concerned with "no reason" rather than with "no fault" divorce. As family lawyers wearily point out to anyone who will still listen, we have already had the latter for more than 20 years, ever since the inaptly named "special procedure" was applied to all undefended divorce actions. The allegtried, effectively allowing for imme-

diate divorce by consent.

It has become de rigueur to say that every "easing" of the laws since 1857 onwards has caused an explosion in the divorce rate, but Dr Martin Richards, of the Cambridge Centre for Family Research, argues that the recent (1960s-70s) worldwide reforms were a response to the increased demand for divorce, and not its cause.

In any case, the annual number of divorces in England and Wales has oscillated around 150,000-plus for the past ten years. And the special procedure has produced a

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adultery and "behaviour" petitions — which currently account for three quarters of all divorces. Some take as little as three months.

So there is no increasing demand for divorce, the Bill will increase the time taken (even with the 12-month period) and far from people waiting to avail themselves of it, they will be best advised to hurry up before it comes into force. The newspaper delivered at my servants' quarters is even suggesting that this factor is influencing certain particularly delicate negotiations that are currently in progress.

# Young lawyers share expertise

Edward Fennell praises the British Council's European lawyers' scheme

in financial crisis, but it is still reckoned to be doing a good job for British lawyers. This was brought home yester-day when Macfarlanes. Clyde & Co and Wilde Sapte and other London firms took on some young European lawyers under a scheme operated by the British Council for the past 25 years.

In the next three months the European lawyers will learn about English law while contributing their expertise to the host firm. By the time they leave at the end of June, professional and personal relationships should have been formed that will serve both sides well for years.

Norion Rose, for example, will be looking after Eva Bigalke, a German lawyer. Celia Staples, the firm's head of personnel, says: "Germany is a country in which we have no office but lots of clients. We invited Eva to join us because she has relevant com-

mercial experience and should be able to give us useful insights into the German scene. In return she will receive a thorough introduction to English law and have the opportunity to observe how a major firm like Norton Rose operates.

The benefits are two-way. Though the visiting lawyers are young, they are all well qualified and already have already carved out impressive track records. Getting on to the scheme is very competitive and all have gone through a rigorous selection process in their local British Council office before being

Their standard of English is high. Emma Richards, the professional development executive at Richards Butler, says: "Taking part in the Young Lawyers Scheme is a good investment for this firm. Many of the lawyers who have taken part go on to take up senior positions later on. It is a very good way for us to

The British Council may be across Europe with up-andcoming lawyers."

One of the firms enthusiasti-

cally taking part this year is the Anglo-German firm of Dabel-stein & Passchl. Based within sight of London Bridge, it claims to be the first firm of its type to be multi-jurisdictional and offers German and English law as standard. It joined the programme, however, in order to build its links with Scandinava. Christopher Chauncy, a partner, says: "As a shipping firm, one of the most important territories for us is Norway. Through the council scheme last year, we were able to take on a Norweg-

ian lawyer for a very successful attachment, so we are doing the same There are this year. Though not fee-

earners during their fears about stay, the young Europeans are expected to get involved in real work. Mr Chauncy discovered the project's future that his young Nor-wegian last year

was able to help with details of Norwegian law that would otherwise have been time-consuming to research. In return, the young lawyers gain a wealth of experience in Europe's legal capital, which enhances their

career prospects.

The scheme has developed an alumni network. There are many benefits. At the Law Society in London a fortnight ago Deloitte Touche, the accountants, launched Law profile of italy, a book on Italian law written by a group of Italian lawyers who were former members of the scheme.

Backed by Martin Rose, from the British Council's Rome office, the lawyers had been brought together to produce the guide to coincide with Italy's European Union presidency.
Faced with the substantial cuts

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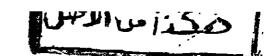
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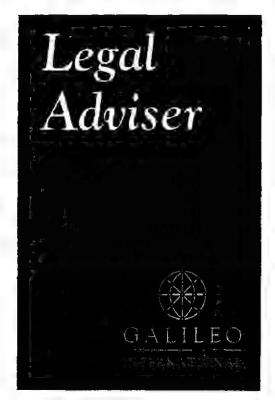
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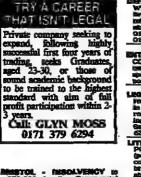
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# Davies keeps feet on the ground after tight finish

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN PHOENIX

LAURA DAVIES was a little subdued after the 72nd hole of the Standard Register Ping tournament at Moon Valley on Sunday. The world No l. who had won the title for the third year in a row, wanted to leap in the air - blistered feet permitting — but she was sensitive to the feelings of Kristal Parker-Gregory, a gallant opponent who had just missed a three-foot putt on the

last green, to lose by a shot. "I had a feeling Kristal might miss the putt and I knew it would be horrible," Davies said. "I've been in that position and I know how disappointed I've been. It's difficult to get really happy when someone misses. You don't want to jump up and down and make a big fuss." Even so, there was plenty to

make a fuss about. It was the



Davies: hat-trick 41st victory of Davies's career. and she became the first person since Sandra Haynie in 1975 to win the same event in three successive seasons. She won a cheque for \$105,000 (£67,500), to move into third place on the money-list with

\$163,958 behind Liselotte Neumann and Karrie Webb. Mickey Walker, Europe's Solheim Cup captain, was here and happy to see three of the certainties for the match against the United States at St Pierre in September finish in the top eight — Liselotte Neumann and Annika

Davies had her blisters treated before going out - she

Sorenstam tied for sixth place

with Dottie Pepper.

lem, not the game of basketball she played on Friday and there was nothing limp about her play. She hit the ball so well that even indifferent putting failed to frustrate her.

Parker-Gregory, whose husband, Jim, had flown down from Ohio to support her, has yet to win in nine years as a professional, but she proved a doughty competitor. "I'm a fighter," she said and she underlined that. Perhaps because of nerves, she struck the ball poorly, hitting nearly as many spectators as she did greens in regulation. There were only seven of the latter and she reckoned she single-

Three shots ahead of Davies after three rounds. Parker-Gregory found herself tied for the lead after eight holes — the American dropped a shot at the 6th, and Davies had birdies at the 3rd and 8th. No one else challenged and the two remained locked together, with Parker-Gregory chipping in from 30 feet to match Davies's birdie four at the

putted seven times.

They both bogeyed the 15th. Davies missing from three feet and came to the 18th tled at eight under par. Parker-Gregory hit her best shot of the day, a six-iron from 165 yards, just over the green and Davies, from a bad lie in the rough, !!! yards from the pin, blasted a sand-iron just over. In fact, she cut her ball badly, but did not notice and proceeded to chip dead for her par four, a round

of 7i, two under par, and a total of 284, eight under. Given the quality of the 31year-old's scrambling up until then, a play-off seemed certain but she ran her first putt, from 25 feet, three feet past, and missed the one back. The consolation was that her prize of \$65,165, by far the largest of her career, catapulted her from 123rd on the money-list to seventh and a place in the Nabisco Dinah Shore, the first major championship of the

Davies offered commiserations and congratulations, and doubtless there were less subdued celebrations with friends and family on the drive across

season, this week.



Jennifer Capriati stretches for a volley during her victory over Amanda Coetzer, the world No 15, in the Lipton championships in Key Biscayne, Florida. The unseeded American continued her comeback by overcoming the tenth seed, from South Africa, 6-4, 0-6, 6-1. "It feels great to beat someone ranked iked her," Capriati, who meets Gabriela Sabatini, the fourth seed, in the fourth round, said. "I knew she was

pretty quick and I had to be ready to go

to stay out there." Steffi Graf, the top seed, from Germany, sailed past Gigi Fernandez, of the United States, 6-3, 6-2 in 66 minutes, hitting 35 outright winners and three unforced errors. "I felt great," Graf said. "I didn't know that my statistics were that good. I think I played a pretty solid match." She now meets Mary Joe Fernandez, the ninth seed. Chanda Rubin, the sixth seed, won her all-American contest with Meredith McGrath 6-2, 6-3. In the

ed second, had his service broken in the opening game and faced further stiff on from Jakob Hlasek, of Switzerland, before prevailing 7-5, 7-6 to take his place in the fourth round. "Today wasn't pretty tennis, but I fought pretty well and hung in there," Sampras, who meets Todd Martin, the sixteenth seed, in the next round, said. Michael Chang, the fourth seed, from the United States, extended his winning sequence to seven matches by beating

#### for every ball. I knew I had to be ready men's competition, Pete Sampras, seed-Jonas Biorkman, of Sweden, 6-3, 6-2. Britain seek extra coaching places

the needs of those with the best

chances of winning medals.

BY CRUIG LORD

**GREAT Britain Swimming** Federation officials are to hold further talks with the British Olympic Association (BOA) in an attempt to secure more places for coaches in the team

for Atlanta The trainers of Neil Willey, Paul Palmer and Karen Pickering, three of only a handful of medal hopes among a squad of 28, have not been selected in the official party in which only five places were allocated for coaches.

The swimmers are drawn from 22 clubs, an unusually high number, with Janine Belton, from Bradford, at 16 the youngest member of the team. She has been added for the 4 x 200 metres relay so that have to swim the relay heats on a day when, hopefully, she

will be trying for a medal in the 800 metres freestyle. Dave Champion, who coaches Pickering, Ian Turner (Paimer) and Doug Campbell (Willey) can cite the recommendation made after the poor showing by British swimmers in Barcelona in

1992 that priority be given to

Pickering has won 14 medals in leading international events since 1993 while Palmer and Willey join Graeme Smith as the only three British swimmers who would have finished in the top two at the United States trials. Bill

GREAT BRITAIN TEAM

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Furniss, the head coach, said that every team member

the training camp in Florida in May. Pickering says she will not go if Champion is not

The staffing problem was exacerbated by the pre-selection of coaches. Furniss, who has no swimmers in the team, said that pre-selection was necessary for planning purposes. An angry Pickering pointed to ten years of planning by herself and Champion. "In what will be the last crucial month, and at Atlante,

allowed to accompany her.

he won't be there," she said. The average age of the team is 22 with Nick Gillingham, at 29. the oldest man. As in 1992. when he finished third in the 200 metres breaststroke to win Britain's only medal in the pool, he has the best prospects

### Steelers hit seven to seal final place at Wembley

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

THE only issue left to be settled in the final round of the British ice hockey championship play-offs on Sunday was who would top group A. In the event, Sheffield Steelers made it easily, beating Basingstoke Bison 7-3, with Tim Cranson and Ken Priestlay each scor-

ing twice. Nottingham Panthers. thanks to a last-minute goal from Simon Hunt, salvaged a point against Fife Flyers, but had already qualified for the Wembley weekend with their 3-0 success over the Steelers on Saturday. In group B, Hum-berside Hawks also clinched a trip to Wembley on Saturday with their win over Durham Wasps, so their loss to Cardiff

Devils on Sunday was irrelevant. In the semi-finals next Saturday, the Steelers will play the Hawks and the Panthers

will play the Wasps, with the final on Sunday afternoon. Milton Keynes Kings and Manchester Storm were the group winners in the promotion-relegation play-offs, but the announcement at the weekend that the Super League will definitely start next season, and the naming of the seven teams which will make up the new competition,

made these games mean-Cardiff Devils, Bracknell Bees, Basingstoke Bison, Manchester Storm, Sheffield Steelers, Durham Wasps and Guildford Flames are the chosen few, although only two of those teams have an arena which fulfils the criterion laid

down by the Super League of a minimum capacity of 5,000. The Centrum, in Ayr, if completed, could be another arena of the requisite size. Ayr, together with Nottingham. Milton Keynes and Fife are being considered as four more

teams for inclusion in the

Super League.

There is also a large question mark hanging over the Wasps, who have made Crowtree Leisure Centre their home this season, but who have yet to announce where they will be playing their home games next season. Newcastle Arena is a possibility, but it would mean ejecting the Warriors, a move which would seem rather unfair to them, since they were prepared to gamble on the move

# IN BRIEF 诗

### Club man Gallagher named for Barbarians

JOHN GALLAGHER, the former New Zealand rugby union full back who moved to rugby league but who is now playing for Blackheath, will make his first appearance for the Barbarians in their annual meeting with Cardiff on April 6. The XV includes three Italy internationals and two from Argentina as the Barbarians escape the restrictions of English and Welsh dubs en-

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Pearn in squad HOCKEY: Mark Pearn, 19, of Reading, has been named in the Great Britain squad for the pre-Olympic tournament from April II to 17 in Atlanta. Jason Laslett whose leg injusince the team returned from since the team returned from the Olympic qualifying tournament in Barcelona at the end of January, is captain.

GREAT BRITAIN SOUAD: 8 Meson (Reading), D Lukes (East Grissead), J Wyatt (Reading), J Heila (Old Loughtonians), Soma Singh (Southgaie), S Hazlit (Hourstow and Army), J Lesiett (Redington), K Teither (Cannock), R Thompson (Hourstow), N Thompson (Old Loughtonians), C Mayer (Cannock), G Fordhern (Hourstow and Army), R Gaccia (RCP Barcelona), J Shaw (Southgaie), C Glies (Hawert), M Pearn (Resting).

Injury scare TABLE TENNIS: Chen Xinhua, 36, the England No i, may require surgery on a knee injury that has worsened after a sequence of matches on stone floors in the Croatian League. Should that be the case. Chen would probably miss the Olympic Games in

#### Australia dates

Atlanta in July.

RUGBY UNION: Australia will play four matches on the Scottish leg of their tour to Scottand and Ireland this autumn, against Scottish Cis-tricts Select, Combined Scottish Districts, Scotland A and Scotland, at Murrayfield on November 9. ☐ The play-off between Glas-

gow and North and Midlands to decide Scotland's remaining district in the European Cup next season is

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ICE HOCKEY

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(OT), Prischurid 8 NY Rangers 2.
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Bracknell 4 Group B: Manchester 7
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#### TODAY'S FOXTURES

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vedere, Weymouth v Fisher 93; Wilney v
Asthord.

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Wallon and Herstein (7-45), Grays v Yeovit;
Hayes v Purfleet (7-45), Hendon v Erdield;
Kingdontan v Henow First division:
Barlorg v Staines (7-45), Barton Rovers v
Marlow (7-45); Basngstoke v Oxford City;
Wentidey v Tooting and Mitcham (7-45);
Second division: Bedford T v Wilham
(7-45), Dorlorg v Cheshunt (7-45), Edgware
v Challents S Peter (7-45), Carthon Cup:
Bertisan Wood v Bednop S Stortlont: Sumin
Unted v Carstalton Ath. Carthon Trophy:
Semi-finals: Banslead v Tibury (7-45);
Carrivey Island v Hungerford (7-45)

UNISCHIO LENGUE: Premier division:
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division: Brationd Fask Ave v Lincoln
Unted; Curzon Ashton v Workington;
Reminood v Greina; Radcliffe v Warnington.
Challenge Cup: Semi-final, first leg:
Gamsborough v Hyde
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First
division: Dyeanuth v Swensea (2.0); Torquality v Newport AFC (70)
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Everton v Botton (70). Second
division: Henoretiser City v Middlesbrough
(at Witton Albon FC, 7.0)
GPEAT INSULE LEAGUE: Premier division:
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ERSAT MELLS LEAGUE Premier division:
Odd Down v Caine; Westbury v
Chopenham.
HELLENG LEAGUE: Premier division:
Banbury v Brackley; Carterton v Kirdbury
FEDERATION BREWERY MORTHERN
LEAGUE: First division: Dunston Federation v Eppleton CW

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Flint division: Floton v Nantweth Holler Old Boys v Trafford; Kidsgrove v Mossley Newcastle Town v Chadderton.

PORDO V SERMOND
INTERLINK EXPRESS MEDILAND ALLIANCE: Barwel v Boldmere; Rocester v
Halcowen H; Rushal v Kympersley; Stratford v Pershore, Wilenhal v Shtinel
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RUGBY UNION (Ock-all 7.0 unless stated WRU Midweek League Ystradgynlais v Dunvant (at Ystradgynlais, 7.0). ...

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HOCKEY: Woquen's Internetional: Orear Britain v France (Bicham Abbey, 3.0)
SNOOKER: Bonson and Hedges Insh Masters (Golfs Complex, Kildane)
SPEEDWAY: Challenge: Reading v Swindon (7.30); Wolvertsumpton v Cradley Health and Stoke (7.30)

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BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Ches-ter v London (6.0)

# By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Sometimes, when the declarer is trying to set up a discard, the defence have to be quite careful of the order in which they win their tricks. Here is an example from the TGR £100 game.

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Contract: Three Clubs by South

West's Two Diamond bid is the best of a bad job at rubber bridge: duplicate players would make a negative double of South's Two Club overcall. Declarer won the club in dummy and continued with the queen of hearts. I was East and, playing in unusually alert form, I put in the king and played the nine of spades. Declarer played low and West won with the jack. Now, if West switches to a diamond, I can win and play through another spade, enabling the

spade trick before the ace of hearts is knocked out. Alas, West continued pitifully with another trump, and now the declarer was able to set up the ten of hearts for a spade discard.

defence to set up a second

Notice that East must win the first heart to give the defence any chance. If he plays low, West cannot attack

The Great Britain teams at the European mixed events returned home without a medal. The pairs was won by Maria Erhart and Fritz Kubak, of Austria, while, in the teams, Michel and Veronique Bessis, Catherine Saul and Paul Chemia, of France, were victorious. ☐ For details of The Times Midland Private Banking

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WORD-WATCHING

#### By Philip Howard

PA'ANGA a. A big knife b. A grass hut c. Money

RACLETTE a. Hot potato and cheese b. A Pelota basket c. Fine Swiss lace

RODHAM

a. A breed of beagle b. A bank c. A briarproof tweed PLOTZ

a. Parsnip soup b. To slump c. A Bronx allotment

Answers on page 46



25 Bxxx8

Bd2

Bc1

#### BY RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT Britons lead Nigel Short and Michael Ad-

ams, Great Britain's top grandmasters, share the lead in important tournaments in progress at present. Adams has 21 points out of three along with Ivan Sokolov, of Holland, in the New York international festival ahead of grandmasters Korchnoi, Salov and Patrick Wolff, the United States champion. Meanwhile, in Amsterdam, Nigel Short shares the lead with Garry Kasparov and Ves-

elin Topalov on two out of three after Short toppled the

Topalov in this game. White Veselin Topalov Black: Nigel Short Amsterdam, March 1996

#### Sicilian Defence ď

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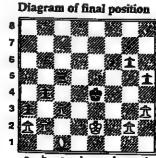
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23 Bf7

22 Pxe5

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White resigns



#### Times chess book

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WINNING MOVE

#### By Raymond Keene

Bd7

Re5

White to play. This position is from the game Alekhine ---Steiner, Kemeri, 1937. We are only just out of the opening. but, nevertheless, Alekhine now spotted a clever tactic that immediately won the game.

Solution on page 46



What did he play?

30 HOLYSTONE MAIDEN 15 KILLINGWORTH III.

85 EARSDON HAND THE 0.00

# O'Dwyer's career moves into overdrive

CONOR O'DWYER is much in demand. The Gold Cup-winning jockey cheerfully ad-mits his feet haven't touched the ground since Imperial Call stormed past the finishing post at Cheltenham. They have, however, touched his

Last Friday, O'Dwyer drove the 150 miles from his Curragh home to Cork to play golf and char informally with Imperial Call's owners. Job done and back behind the wheel to drive the 300 miles to Belfast to appear on an Ulster television chat show. Another 150 miles behind the wheel and he arrived home at

Eight hours and 70 miles later, he was in Clonmel town hall for a reception - then on to Clonmel racecourse, where he rode Imperial Call in a parade and, almost as an afterthought, rode a winner.

"It has been brilliant but non-siop. Every night there's been something to attend," said the 29-year-old, who understands only too well that people like to be associated

with winners. For years big-race success was comparatively rare for O'Dwyer, but not any more. Success can breed even more success and the Grand National could be next on O'Dwyer's list.

MOVING swiftly through the

barn housing his three-year-

olds yesterday, Sheikh Mo-

hammed left no doubt which

horse will carry Godolphin's banner in the 2,000 Guineas

at Newmarket on May 4. He

dwelt briefly on its occupants

before moving to a paddock at

the rear. There, on show in

perfect isolation, was Mark

A bay son of Darshaan, Mark Of Esteem has made

obvious physical improve-

ment since his arrival in

Dubai in October, having

won at Goodwood in July after chasing home Albaarth

at Newmarket. That he had

en highlighted above his

stable companions told its own story, but the sheikh was

more than happy to confirm the impression with words.

"We are very happy with this horse," he said. "He is

good but we have to watch his

knees. We will have to stop if

he shows slight lameness but

he is going well now. He

hope another horse comes

Ladbrokes, to cut Mark Of

one-mile classic.

could be our one although 1 docks, in Newmarket, on

through." The briefing will be worked in company prompted Mike Dillon, of with older group winners at

Esteem to 7-1. from 9-1, for the firm indication of their merit

NEWCASTLE

2.30 Wixim. 3.05 Miletrian Refurb. 3.35 Jaraab. 4.10 Captain Carat. 4.40 Blue Movie. 5.10 Steadfast Elite.

5-2 Methian Returb. 4-1 Potar Refram 5-1 Chalibrang Bong, 8-1 Rattle, 10-1 Timy Acno. 12-1 Hobbs Choice 14-1 others

3.35 EARSDON HANDICAP (£2,918 2m 19yd) (11)

7-1 Whom, 9-4 Green Bopper, 7-2 Years, 5-1 Shenzz, 10-1 Known Secret, 14-1 Rackers, 25-1 Removember.

3.05 KILLINGWORTH SELLING STAKES

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Yeast.

going, good to soft (soft in straight)

2.30 HOLYSTONE MAIDEN STAKES

DRAW 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

(£3,469 1m) (7 runners)

(3-Y-0, £2,274 6f) (12)

Of Esteem.

He was chosen for the ride on Son Of War after the grey's regular rider, Francis Woods, had been claimed for the other main Irish challenger, Wylde

The choice was not surprising as, after winning at Cheltenham, he announced that the Grand National was his ultimate ambition.

O'Dwyer guided Laura's Beau into third place behind Party Politics in the Aintree spectacular four years ago and is fuelling an ambition that first developed when he was growing up in Wexford.

"I have always loved it. I know the Gold Cup is more prestigious but as a kid the spectacle of it all, with the different fences, really got to me. It is probably not quite the race it was, but it's still a fair challenge and the lottery element remains," he said.

Son Of War could be the ideal horse to deal with the demands of Aintree and become the first Irish-trained National winner since L'Escargot in 1975.

The winner of the Irish National two years ago. Son Of War has not won since December of that year, but his last two races have shown he is on the way back. After finishing fourth to Imperial Call in the Hennessy Gold Cup at Leopardstown, he just

Mark Of Esteem singled

out as classic leader

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT IN DUBAL

Looking relaxed in advance of the Dubai World Cup

tomorrow, Sheikh Moham-

med revealed Mark Of Es-

teem suffered from an arthritic spur but would not undergo surgery. That hap-pened with Arazi but it did not

help," he said. "If this horse

carries on as he is, we will run

him at Newmarket. But first he must do some hard work."

ERICHAND EVANS

Nap: POSTAGE STAMP

(3.50 Sandown Park)

NB: Norman Conqueror

The Times Private Handicapper (Gerald Hubbard) top-rated Sea Spouse (6-1) at Folkestone yesterday, white Thunderer found Lloc (10-1).

Each of the 83 horses at

Godolphin are to undergo

strenuous gallops next month.

The best 43 are due to be

transported to Moulton Pad-

April 28. The three-year-olds

with older group winners at strict weight-for-age terms. A

will emerge when the times

failed to concede 40fb to Carrigeen Kerria in a Fairy-house handicap chase late last

"He has come along nicely in the meantime and I'm very happy with his condition." Peter McCreery, Son Of War's

trainer, said.
O'Dwyer agrees. Fairy-house was a hell of a run and showed he is back. He is a safe jumper and he'll gallop all day. The ground isn't a huge factor as he will go on anything."

Being the National. O'Dwyer admits he is not as confident of Son Of War as he was about Imperial Call before the Gold Cup, but Saturday's race does not have the same class of opposition. You look at Wylde Hide, Lo Stregone, Rough Quest and my fellow, and there's not a lot else." O'Dwyer said.

After the success of the Irish horses at Cheltenham, the iron may still be hot enough for the 21-year gap since L'Escargot to be bridged. If Son Of War's white head powers past the post first it will certainly cap a remarkable month for his jockey.

There may be a price to pay however. O'Dwyer joked: "If he wins, the nights out will go on for so long I may have to retire." Nor when there is such demand for him, he won't.

they record are compared with those posted by the likes of Moonshell and Vettori

under identical conditions 12

It also emerged that Godol-

phin has expanded the

number of juveniles in its

care. Among the herd of 25 are

horses owned by sheikhs

Maktoum and Hamdan. They will all be shipped to

Newmarket, although they are four weeks behind their

"We made a mistake with

the two-year-olds last year."

Sheikh Mohammed admit-

ted. "We jumped on them as

soon as they arrived from

Europe so we have given them more time to settle this

year." Godolphin had a soli-

tary runner in Britain from a

string of eight juveniles 12

string, the sheikh recognised

that Godolphin will find it

hard to emulate the achieve-

ments of last season. "Last

year was wonderful but it

cannot happen every year," he

said. "We have some good

horses but there is not another

Lammtarra. I will be happy to

win any classic in Europe this

7-2 Jarath, 4-1 White Willow, 6-1 Eulogy, Dally Boy, 7-1 Scientistan, 8-1 Suddan Spir, 10-1 Holspur Street, 12-1 others.

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6-1 Benzue, 7-1 Broadstart Bourly, Studow Jusy, 8-1 Le Sugnet, Barolin, Captain Caral, 10-1 Saddichorne, 12-1 others.

4.40 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND BACKWORTH MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,176: 50) (4)

1 [2] BLUE MONE M Bell 9-0 . M Reman 2 [2] CHARRY R Hollandwad 9-0 . K Darley 3 [1] FM STML HERE J Berry 9-0 . P Feason (6) 4 (4) WANGEA MACON JJ D'ANG 9-0 . S D Williams 5-4 Blue Morte, 7-4 The Sign Here, 5-1 C-thery, Wagge Moon

5.10 CULLERCOATS HANDICAP

(£2,957: 1m 2f 32yd) (15)

4.10 MONKSEATON SPRINT HANDICAP

For all the promise of his

elders in condition.

months ago.



O'Dwyer hopes to complete a big-race double after his Cheltenham Gold Cup win

#### RACING AHEAD Robert Wright suggests the best value in

TROPHY Alphred, March 28

Vallard Warrior 15-2 16-1 6-1

While the Grand National is the focal point of the week, there is an early reminder of the spruce lences in the John Hughes Memorial Trophy, over one circuit of the National course at Aintree on Thursday.

The National Tave been toned down in recent years, but they

The lightest-have been toned down in recent years, but they may still prove too much for Old Bridge. He was a pame whener of the Mildmay of Flete at the Chattanham Festival, but has had problems with his jumping in the past, and is easily passed over at 7-1. Vallent Warrior holds stronger claims, having titien raised just 7th for his comfortable defeat of Newlands-General at Dorocase; but be, too, oliest little value. The progressive Go Universal was returning from a three-morph, absence when bird to Vallent Warrior, at the recognition at Marrior and at this selection, about Court.

three morph sheerce when there is Maliant Warrior, at the ensier Militims (earlier in warrior, at the easier Militims) lengues, he would be overprised at 14-18 the growing was test. However, the lettest point forecast is growing and has apportune would be advised to wait until the day of the race.

The "Aintree tector" may now have been deemed and every the ornical handicapper, but there is a stormy control or the ornical handicapper, but there is a stormy control or believing that experience of the unique langues mindula and advantage. In that respect, Borusny King holds outstanding claims. Funner-up it spectand fregional in 1992 and joint lith last year, he now more off. 24th lower mark in the heroficapion his press of the control of the contro

considerably for that run, his first for over 10 months. ACSO-I ROMANY KING represents a golden each-way opportunity.

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6-40 SILDORANS LASS 19 J Upson 5-18-12 R Sample	ı
D-UB NUMS LUCY 10 J Picturing 5-10-12 D Berthy	ł
S CLEAN EICE 117 of Torregions 4-10-6	r
(ID DASH TO THE PHONE 27 K Margan 4-16-8 A S Simila	
SP NINE BAFFROW DOWN 171 Miss in Routeni 4-10-8 Gary Lyuns	į
costs Cover 5.1 Tim Clean Felow 18-1 Darth To The Planne, 12-1 others.	

# 2.55 GLATTON HANDICAP HURDLE

301	3-22	HENRY COME 32 (EE/E) B sectorbin 5-11-10 *** At Messes
		DARZEE 30 (BF,F,S) P Hedger 6-11-8
383	OFT	ULURU 13 (CD.F.E) C Nash 6-11-5 IR Karawaji
304	FE24	57 CRM DRUM 18 (8,F,6,S) K Balley 7-18-13. T J Musphy (3)
365	372	ASK ME KENDLY 22 () Sharwood 8-10-11 _ JA McCarby
365	3400	MORTHEMBREAM NOTIC 81 (F.G.S) Mr. II WARE 10-10-10
		J Calligher
307	-182	CONNOY 15 (F,G) C Mann 6-10-3
306	4441	PETTALIER 19 (F,S) G Hubbard II-10-2 K Ganda (3)
308	1144	CATS RUN 174 (D.F) J Dussin 8-10-0 R Suppli
310	1-60	CATS PLIN 174 (D.F) J Lipson 8-10-8 R Suppl AGE PLAYER 39 (G) D Croppel 8-18-0
311	PP.P	ROCKTOR 77 (F.G.S) N Twiston-Dawes 11-18-0 A Statespeer
312	5050	PLATO'S REPUBLIC 38 (C.F) J Jestine 5-10-0 S For (5)
		re, 7-2 Ulura, 5-1 Petraugh, 6-1 Agk Me Kardly, 7-1 Dazen, 10-1
No. of Lot	14	Chaz, Shirma Dawn. 12-1 others.

# 3.25 WHITTLESEY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,599: 2m 4f 110yd) (8)

Folkestone

Going: good to soft

f-r-t-		
401	1619	DEINER BAY 13 (D,S) J Gillard 9-12-0 L Aspell
		DARK DAK 26 (D.) G.S) J Curds 18-11-12 M Dw
463	1718	MANEREE 14 (C.D.F.G.S) N Calagian 9-11-4 D Salling
404	U341	CROSS CANRON 21 (F.G) J Heliers 10-11-2 T Fit
405	0545	SCOLE 11 (D.BF,G,S) 6 Habbard 11-10-11 K Gade
465	1675	CONTI D'ESTRUVAL 62 (F.G) G Building 6-18-6 . A P McC
407	55 <b>P</b> 4	KIND'A SWART 13 (C.F.G.S) K Margin 11-10-4 . A S Si
405	2745	RAGLAN ROAD 13 (F,E,S) Miss A Emberces 12-10-1 . J R
11-40	leasts B	ay, 3-1 Manage, 7-2 Scale, 9-2 Capes Canson 6-1 Dark Opt. 1
		ii. 12-1 utas

## 4.00 CROXTON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

£3,3	35: 2	in 110yd) (22)
581	-EP1	AMAZE 18 (D.S) Lady Herries 7-11-10 E Murphy
502	3P30	THE BOUNDER 18 05 0 Shawood 8-11-7 I A McCarthy
503	4211	RO) TOU NOTED 11 (0.5.6) S Campion 4-11-4 G Tormey (3)
504	1363	WISDOM 20 (V.D.BF.F) K Margan 4-11-3 A 5 Smith
985	-112	MR MORNARTY 25F (D.EF.F.) S Bonelag 5-11-3 A P MeGoy
586		BLESSED MEMORY 24 R Dialon 5-10-12
		SILVERDALE FOX B (D.F.5) K Hopg 9-10-12 (Ped S Wynne
500	OP60	PA D'OR 18 J Bafford 5-10-10 L Aspell (5)
		DESERT CHALLENGER 112 (6) J January 6-10-10 8 Fex (5)
510		SOMMERSBY 11 Mrs N Mussuley 5-10-10 Mr M H Naughton (7)
511		FEN TERRIER 14 (D.G) W Haggas 4-10-10 G Hogan (3)
		HUSH TINA 15 J Tech 5-10-10
513		ASHEY HEL IS A Rose 5-10-6
514	(SF5	BALLY PARSON 15 (F,G) R Diction 16-16-6. (Philip Houses (7)
		DIODY RYMER 15 Mis S Smith 6-10-5 R Guest
		PORTSCATHO 19 (B) Mass J Doyle 4-18-4 S Centen (3)
517		SUPER SHARP 187 (G) H Closer 8-10-3 Jacque Olivier
	196	BIG TREAT 12 P Hat 4-10-2 W Marston
519	18473	RELATIVE CHANCE 18 J Aing 7-18-2 @ Lipton
		SCAMARIVA STAR 18 R Hants 6-10-1
		VERDE LUNA 38F D Arbuttural 4-10-0 T J Marphy (3)
27	413	LOWAWATHA 13 Mrs E Health 8-10-0

S-1 Assates S-1 Relative Chance, Ros Das Hentl, 18-1 fair Memorty, 12-1 Weston, Particular 14-1 others

### 4.30 LONGSTANTON NOVICES CHASE

(23,203.	201) (12)
401 4121	GREY SMOKE 136 (D.F.S.) Was H Kinght 6-11-9 J F Tilley
	3 STEWNS LIGHT 19 (6.5) D Nicholson 7-11-9 G Hogan (3)
683 F-0L	JAND WHY NOT 7 Mrs 5 Smith B-11-3 R Quest
604 302	2 BELL STAFFBOY 28 (F,G) C Broad 7-11-3 W Marston
	CARNINONEY 19 J Hedere 8-11-3 T Rend
ODS AUF	L CHAPPUCCI 13 (G,S) Mrs E (leath 6-11-3 D Bordley
607 -510	TOULIN LOCH 115 (F) M Williamson 7-11-3 . R Supple
	P LONG REACH 35 (B) N Twiston-Dancis 8-11-3 . C Usuallym
809 3P33	? DVER THE CORPUS 27 J Curts 6-11-3 . M Dwyter
610 -404	J WILLERFOSS 20 B Rodniell 6-11-3 P Carbony
	5 ABAARDO 18 J lüng 18-10-12 6 Upton
612 OPHS	PRINTERECK 5 till Campion 5-10-7 J. Rullion
7-4 Bell Stall	Boy, 9-4 Grey Smole, 6-1 Staning Light, 10-1 Chappaco, 12-1 Our
The Courb 1	4-1 Contin Lock, 16-1 And Way Not, 25-1 where

# 5.00 MARK COLEY SO PLUS BIRTHDAY BUMPER MATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,511; 2m 110yd) (22)

INTIDIANT CIONI LTVI 1816E (TI'111' CIII LIOJAL (SS)
1 Of SALMON BREZZ 13 (F) N Henderson 5-11-11 M Lane
2 21 SIDURIOS LINE FURI BB (G) Mass H Kamilla 5-11-11 G F Ryan (
3 O BEACON PLIGHT 39 B De Ham 5-11-1, W Mars
4 4 BUKSHORN 13 Mrs P Sty 5-11-4 . R Mark
5 @ CORE BUSINESS 39 Larry Homes 5-11-4 E Morp
6 2-03 GOVERNOR DAMER, 13 J D'Shea 5-11-4 Michael Brannan
7 0 GROSVENOR 38 F Muraty 5-11-4 P Carbo
8 LARLENNING GOLD Mrs. J. Primare 5-11-4 A Bates I
9 MODER DANCE MAN N Litmoder 6-11-4 B Pow
10 6 DRUSHARD KING 13 O Brenden 6-11-4 W Welch
11 000 ROWDY YATES 4 8 Rothers 6-11-4
12 SCOUNDREL K Bulley 5-11-4 A Thorn
13 5-29 SEVERDALE LAD 118 K Hom 5-11-4
14 SPRING GALE S Sherwood S-11-4
15 D ALRISHT GUVNOR 22 N Smith 6-10-13 Mr M Rod
16 NONWEXTA DUEEN 0 Sharwood 5-18-13 J.A. McCart
17 GS MADAM MUCK 22 N Twiston-Davie: 5-10-13 . O Walsh
18 MARELLO Mrs M Revelor 5-10-13 6 Card of
19 0 POLLYANNA 21 M Musperidge 5-10-13 M Molitoy (
20 OUERY LINE J Castle 5-10-13
21 TPSY CREEN Mass & Whitehouse 5-10-13 C Uswell
22 4 ROTHARD 27 (SP) K Margan 4-10-10 A S Sm
3.1 County 162 Fee: 6.1 Stherotale Lad. S.1 Catesta Rosen, 18-1 Mandin, 12

☐ The Martell Grand National is set for its smallest field since 1980, when 30 runners went to post. Only 32 horses were declared at yesterday's acceptance stage, with 1994 winner Miinnehoma being the most notable absentee

### SANDOWN PARK

4.20 Medinas Swan Song

4.50 Cool Relation The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 FALMOUTH BAY. Carl Events 4.50 Cool Relation

#### GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

2.10 Callison Bay 2.45 Falmouth Bay

Facetrad number So-Agure form (F — Intl P — public = 1 U — untegland lider B — brought stank S — Sipped up B — related D — Song on which horse has won (F — Imm, good to Sont Schools of Horse's name. Days ance last schools of F d Stat (B — bindlers, V — woor H — book E — Eyepheld C — tourse where D — statters where CD — course and desence Presse Handlesper's gaing.

GOING GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

#### 2.10 SURREY RACING NOVICES CHASE £4,736 2m) (3 runners)

5ETTRAC 1-2 Catagor Bay 2-1 Perhaps, 10-1 Pername Pass 1995: LEOTARD 8-11-10 J Osborne (4-1) O S

CALLISDE BAY bost Netherby Said 15t in 5-runner acutes charte at Doccasia (2m 110)rd, good to large charte at Doccasia (2m 110)rd, good to large previously 33 and of 14 in Arche Kunstvon in large charte at Levestry (2m 11, good in solt).

PERIORE PASS, tell at Football yesterday, distant.

#### 2.45 MOUSETRAP CHALLENGE CUP HOVICES CHASE

111132 HARWELL LAD 38 (BF.F.G.S) (1 Wintstead) R Afrez 7-11-6. Mr R Noticell 46-1972 FeLSECUTH BAY 39 (G.S.) (1 Menticel) S Stevenord 7-11-4 ... J Ostomo EE 144224 WICHENLICH 14 (E.S.) (F Cartes) J Sing 7-11-4 ... R Derwoody 87 8GF2 JULINIET'S FRIEND 22 (7 Wintstel) N Hoodesson 6-11-0 ... M A Fitzgarald 7-13-4 ... L Harwey 63 30-9874 MARCHARA GALE 19 (B) (R Scorgle) N Mitchell 8-11-0 ... L Harwey 63

BETTING, 6-4 Falmouth Bay 2-1 Inchcallock, 5-2 Hawell Ltd, 8-1 Journeys Priesd, 33-1 Mannyou Gale. 1995; OATIS REGRETS 7-11-8 J Octome (6-5 lav) Alass H Anghi 5 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

HARWELL LAD desared and 3 to Kings, Cherry in conditions; chase at Chepchor (2m 3t 11) byd, sold in grade 1 Gunntess. Artist Challenge Tropins at mystace chase at Assoc (3m 110 byd, good to sold). JOHANEYS Chelenham (2m, good to sold). JOHANEYS FALMOUTH BAY 31 2nd of 9 to Bolson Spinner in a network chase over course and distance (good to Salt, and the office of the Charlenham (2m). JOHANEYS FREND (3s are 15) and 2nd and the Gibbs (3s). Selection: NCHCALLOCH

#### 3.15 ROYAL ARTILLERY GOLD CUP CHASE

BETTINGS: 4-5 Norman Conqueror, 9-2 Richytlia, 7-1 True Statt, 8-1 Cool And Easy, Hicketon Ltd, 12-1 Magazod, 14-1 others

1985; COOL GROUND 13-11-7 D Alex-Henley (15-8) D Generih 10 mm

MARSOOD, best effort this season, b	
Green 4! in a 4-number francical chass	at Tainign
(3m, good to firm) NORMAN CONDUCTION	310R, com-
pleted double, best trish Bay 2161 I	
Horse And Hound Grand Military Gol	d CTD DAM
course and distance (good) with TOO	DLING INN
1116 helten off) belled off Bin an	BURNEH
STREAM (7th better off) pailed off 7 HICKELTON LAD bout Tulinus Gaorge	BQ. 361 in 17.
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PackMALLE 271 Bit of 9 to Tudor Fable in a handicap class at Newbury (271 44, good to sold). COOL AND EASY 281 3rd of 9 to Halland Howes in a hunter class at Lingdied (3m, heavy), GAELIC CHERRY 101 3rd of 10 to Wild Busin in open at insecutions (solf) pareuthrents start, Feb 1994, TRUE STEEL 141 2rd of 5 to The Major General in a hunter classe here (2m 41 10)vd. good to solf) with HCICCELTON LAD (111b worse off 844 4fb. Selection: NORMAN CONOUEROR.

#### 3.50 ALAMBROOKE MEMORIAL HANDIGAP CHASE (E4,418: 3m 110yd) (6 runners)

BETTING: D-4 Arthur's Mineral, 3-1 Posinge Stamp, 7-2 Bush Willow, 8-1 Cuddy Dale, 7-1 Equity Player, 8-1 Yerbshire Bale.

ARTHUR'S MINSTREE, completed deable, heat Bickeys Hall 4 in 5-numer course and distance immediate class ignority of the second of the second in 191 and CDDOY DALE (25 better 101) tailed off whee palled up betwee 16th, Provinting by heat CUDDY DALE (Ab better 60th will in 5-offers course and distance handleage chase (as Chellenhum Chin 11 110yd, quod) ESUITY PLAY-offers course and distance handleage chase (as I chellenhum Chin 11 110yd, quod) ESUITY PLAY-offers course and distance handleage chase (as I chellenhum Chin 11 110yd, quod) ESUITY PLAY-offers course and distance (and I chellenhum Chin 11 110yd, quod) ESUITY PLAY-offers course and distance (and I chellenhum Chin 11 110yd, quod) ESUITY PLAY-offers course and distance (and I chellenhum Chin 11 110yd, quod to set).

# 4.20 ROYAL STAR AND GARTER HOME HANDICAP CHASE

Long handloup: Dr Rocket 9-13

SETTIME: 7-4 Society Guest, 3-1 Medines Swan Song, Deer Do. 5-1 Dr Rooles, 6-1 Pais Microbel 1989: 108G CREDO 18-11-4 J F Thiny (7-4) S Woodman 5 mm FORM FOCUS

SDCTETY GUEST beat Blazon Of Troy 21 m 8numer amadeur notes: handicap hurde here (2m 
110ml, seat, MEDIMAS SWAM SDM6 5441 and 49 
to Turber Fathle in handicap chase at Needury (2m 
14, good to Soli) perumental staff. PATS M64STREL heat De Jordaan 201 pt 3-numer handicap 
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#### 4.50 UBIQUE HUNTERS CHASE (Arnateurs: £1,646: 2m 4l 110yd) (13 runners)

DETTIME: 7-4 Exel Relation, 7-2 Ryde Again, 5-1 Windy Ways, 5-1 Synderborough Ltd, 10-1 Halliam Tim, 12-1 Amen King, 16-1 others. 1996: COOL RELATION 9-11-9 A PININGS (6-6 km) () Caro 9 cm

# FORM FOCUS

PYDE AGAIN completed double, base People 81 in 3-turner harder class at Loicasier (3m, good in 20th) SYNDERSOPOUGH LAD 91 4th of 9 to Creatin as a hardings chase at Unmaster (2m 71, good in form), CODI, RELATION Completed loar-piner, beat Highway Five distance in 5-turner harder class at Bangor (3m 110yd, good to fam), Highway Five distance in 5-turner harder class at Bangor (3m 110yd, good to fam), Highway Five distance in 5-turner harder class at Bangor (3m 110yd, good to fam), Highway Five distance in 5-turner harder class at Leicasiar (2m 11, good to soit) with

enter chase at Lorassar (2m 11, good to soll) with   Gelestias CXXX, RELATION							
COURSE SPECIALISTS							
TRAINERS  D. Nicholsten A. Turnelt S. Sirenwood Miles H. Knaddi	Wins 22 8 3	Rns 92 23 13 28	34.6 34.8 23.1 23.1	JOCKEYS C Ward Thomas J Trice-Rolph R Dumicody J Titles	Witerers 7 3 37	Ades 22 10 126	31.8 30.0 29.4 26.7

#### O Nichols A Turnet S Shenvo Miss H K J Giflord R Hodges for Saturday's £250,000 race. Young Hustler is left to head the handicap on 11st 7lb, one of only nine horses set to race off their correct mark. 26 144 181 D Alers-Hankey 5 29 17.2 O Ethyood RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS 4 00 at Huntingsion today) CSF: 041 00. Tricast: 9287-25.

Going: soft

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## POINT TO POINT RESULTS

FUNT & DENBIGH (Earon Hell) Hunt 1. Meny Scorpion (R. Owen, 5-2). 2. Embursur, 3. Steinbeilymore 6 nan Midn 1: 1. Mr. Busker (C. Barlow, 4-5 lav), 2. Nights Image, 3. Call Coup 7 ran. Midn II: 1. Bailyborggan Parson (G. Hammer 10-1); 2. Ning Kaff, 3. Little By Little, 9 ran. Open 1, Fidders 1, Tree (I. Wyme, 2-1), 2. Lucky Christopher, 3. Scally's Daughter 10 ran. Ladles, 1. Stephens Pet (Miss A. Daile, 1-5 fav), 2. Fell Mist; 3. Remard Qusy 8 ran. Confined 1, Amborse (W. Rison, 33-1), 2. Korbell; 3. Shoon Wind, 15 ran. Rest II: 1, Oragas (Finnorton, 50-1); 2. Made Of Talent, 3. Kings Mischel 14 ran. Rest II: 1, Oragas (Finnorton, 50-1); 2. Miss Shaw, 3. Lindsey (G. Tairy, 10-1), 2. Landsher Afried; 3. Whalsfellow, 17 ran.

BUNKERED FIRST TIME: Hundingdon, 1.50 Pasya, Scarnellach, Twice Shy Newcastle, 3.05 Supreme Scholar

# SPECIALISTS

HUNTINGDON: Trainers: J Fanshawe, 3 winners from 5 runners: 60 0%, K Baley, 15 from 46, 32 6%; D Nicholson, 15 from 52, 28.8%. Mis J Plimen 9 from 37, 24 3%; Mru M Reveley, 8 from 33, 24 2%, N Henderson, 8 from 34, 23 5%, Joskeyst: D Bentloy, 3 winners from 10 rides, 30 0%; P Hide, 13 from 49, 26 5%; A Thomlon, 5 from 20, 25,0%; W Alarston, 9 from 40, 22.5%; D Gallagher, 8 from 43, 18.6%; J Ryan, 7 from 40, 17.5%

Ryan, 7 from 40, 17.5%

NEWCASTLE: Trainers: P Feigete, 3 wanners from 7 numers, 42.9%, W Height, 3 from 13, 23.1%, M Belt, 7 from 35, 20.0%; C Thornton, 5 from 32, 15.6%; S Kettlewell, 3 from 20, 15.0%; Mrs M Reveloy, 20 from 144, 13.9%, Jockeyer M Fenton, 5 winners, from 21 index, 23.5%; J Weaver, 15 from 72, 25.5%, R Cochrane, 5 from 27, 18.5%; G Duffield, 14 from 77, 18.2%; D Wingh, 3 from 21, 14.3%; K Daviey, 24 from 173, 13.9%

Some group to som 1,50 (5) 1, Jernatille (J. Cuinn, 5-2 May); 2. Swift Retusal (11-4), 3, Cavier And Candy (25-1) 9 van NR Mujack Express 81, 31 C Dayer, Tota, 22,40; 21,10, 21,40, 51,80 DF 24,70 Tro. £107,90 CSF- £8,71. Sylvania Lights (12-1) was withfaram, not unders-orders—nite 4 applies to all bets, deduction 50 in pound orders — mile 4 appaiss to an best deduction 50 in pound 220 (50 ft 1, 1) be (J Shark, 10-1); 2, Maibu Alen (10-1); 3, Bonny Metody (33-1); 4, Sordense (13-2) Thai Monting 9-2 ker 16 ran 9, 31, C Dayer Toss, 214-90, 2470, 22 90, 2550, 2130, DF: 2037 70 Tuo. 23-8 90 (part won, pool of 196-08 cambed forwards to 4,00 at Huntringdom hoday) CSF: 299 17, Transis, 122-92, 7-6
2-50 (60); 1, Beldray Park U Cultim, 25-1); 2, Blessed Spart (5-1); 3, Pinde Of British (13-8 ker) 14 ran, 31, 131, 1412 A King, Tote: 255, 10; C11-40, 12: 30, 12: 30, 12: 30 DF: 2188.90 Thor 2132-80 CSF: 2155.88.
3-20 (61 189-yd) 1, Green Germ (K Darley, 7-11, 2, Beanood (11-2); 3, Nailyral (100-30) Cservano, 3-1 favr 9 ran, 274, 274, 5 Wilkarns, Tote: E7-40; 12: 60, 52-40, 52: 0.0 DF: 211.00 Trio 225-80, CSF: 642-33.

# S.50 (1m 1/ 149)ch 1. Swinging Sixties (S. Whitecoth, 6-1 g-Lav); 2. Bettes Gale Boy (25-1); 3. Well Petch (5-1) Explored Power 6-1 g-Lav, 15 ran Sh Ind, Sl G L Moore Tote, £10 30, £2.70, £3 80, £3 00 UF £129.90 Tim £302.00 (part won, pool of £106.34 carried forward to 4.00 at Hurdingdon today) CSF £130.55 Tricast: £374.19

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4.20 (8t 189yd) 1. See Spouse (N Adems, 6-1; Phreate Handkoupper's top rating); 2. Pride Of Kashmir (13-2), 3. Zaropok (16-1), 4. Battleship Buson (13-2) Revenand Trackness 5-1 lav 16 ran Hd, 5-1, M Blansherd, Total E7 10, E1 40, E1 60, 52 80, 52 60, DF 52 170 Trick (284,00, CSF 644.92 Tricast £412.20 £294.00. CSF 644.92 Torcast £412.20
4.50 (1m 4h 1, Siege Penhous (J Tate, 14-1), 2, Mirvilsam (7-1), 3, Mordechto (8-1), 4, Allenic Met (16-1), Kissing Gate 7-2 fev. 17 van 19-1, 9. S. Wilsams, Tote £25.70, £420. £1.80, £2.70, £2.90. DF: £31.80 Trio £781.30 CSF: £117.13 Torcast £325.98
Jeclopot; not won (pool of £124.991.56 carried forward to Puntangdon today).

# Fontwell Park Golleg, good to soft, soft in places 2.10 gm 21 tide) 1, Bother (S Ryan, Evens ser), 2 Toppings (40-11); 3, Snowy Petrel (9-1) 10 cm 4, 19-1 R Aveture, Tote: 22.00 cf 50, 08.50, 62.40, DF E18.30 Tro-E182.50 CSF, 123.92

Line 30 CSF, CS2 92 2.40 (Sm 21 10)of chi 1, Junasole Chanele (J Osborne 8-1), 2 Andros Prince 9-4 lavir 3, Reano (3-1), 7 ran 4, 131 Mrs J. Richards, Tone: 28.70, IS3.00, IZ-10 DF C15.70, CSF, 224 10 £24.10 (2m 61 holler 1, Spring Gresse (7 Descorribe, 4-1), 2, General Pongo (13-8) 3, Cool Rumer (11-61en), Bran, Nft One More Men. 2-81, 40 B Ryall, Tote, £5,60, £2.10, £1.30, £1.10, DF, £5,40, Tho £3.20 CSF-£161is. E16 (a) 31 ch 1 1, Claurithown Port (M A Fizzerald, 6-4), 2, Stage Player (10-1), 3, Fools Errard (6-5 tax) 6 ren 31, dast, P Butler Tote (1-10), (1-30), (2-30), (2-30) DF (4-70), CSF (1-34), 4, 10 (2m 2) hole) 1, Touch Silver (A Doving, 17-2), 2, Meink, (11-4), 3, Menus (7-2) Mead Court 5-2 few 6 ren 4, 31 H Manners Tote (12-50, (2-40) E1-60) DF (28-10, CSF); (2-96)

### 4.40 (2m 2f fiel) 1, Gaye Fame (J Osborne, 100-30); 2, Royal Raven (7-4 lav) 3, Reverse TO-30 (33-1) 15 ran NR Wise King, 8, 8 k Barley Tote, E4.50 C1.90 E1.50, E18.40, DF: £4.90, Tno £168.10 CSF £9.36 Hexham

Corner: Soft Market P. Market P. Wyer, 11-41, 2, The Stacher (4-1), 3, Bessenhally (5-2 fav) 11 ran. 8, 2941 T Easterby Tote 53:10, CSF- E13.51

CSF: £13.51
2.30 (2m 46 110yd hdie) 1, Sadvicta (P. Ninen, 10-1); 2, True Scot (7-2); 3, Rescally (14-1); 4, Rempant Rosia (14-1) Knuddebuslar 11-4 lav 18 ran 3, 7 Mrs M Reveley, Tole 19-30; £1-80, £1-80, £2-20 (25-50 DF: £18.00 Trior £181 30. CSF: £50.23 Tricast: £497 16 \$20 23 Incast £497 16
\$20 (3m H Chi 1, Lupy Minstrel (Mr A)
Parker, 11-2), 2, Go Silly (11-2), 3, Heavenly
Critzer, (10-1), 4, Dodord Hut (8-1), Miemi
Sear 4-1 fav 18 ran Nft; Baron Two Shoes,
Zarmt, 71 10, C Parker Tote £8 70, C2-80,
C1.40, c3 00, £1,50 OF- £17 80 Trio not
and (pool of £190,21 carred forward to

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# London's latest recruit looks forward to new life in different league

# Paul ready to join **Broncos'** charge

Andrew Longmore meets a former shoe

salesman who has switched rugby codes

f the rugby league Super League could be won by words alone, the title is all over bar the shouting. London Broncos are the Wigan of chat. But at least they are putting their money behind their marketing mouths by pitching a total novice into the hurlyburly of the much-trumpeted

Not just a run-of-the-mill novice either, a tall, elegant, well-spoken refugee from rugby union who was selling shoes in the local branch of Footholds when the first rumblings of Super League were



heard. This time last summer. Junior Paul's experience of rugby league extended no further than his television set.

Surrounded by grizzled veterans from both hemispheres. fortified by the advertisements which claim that the summer game will be tougher, faster and harder than the dandified winter version, Paul will need nerves of steel to survive his first test, at Thrum Hall. Halifax, on Saturday, He was nicked on when he made his debut for the Broncos against Sheffield Eagles on a bleak night just before Christmas and, by his own admission, had an uncomfortable time. The bullying will be Super League class this time. But the new Broncos coach, Tony Currie, is happy to give the young Londoner his chance.

He's fast, he's strong and his improvement over the past three or four weeks has been phenomenal." Currie said. He is also local, born not far from the Broncos' permanent home at The Valley and schooled at the rugby union greenhouse of St Joseph's Academy, where he was a prolific try-scorer. It is tempting to suggest that

Paul's rise owes more than a touch to the management's need for an eye-catching story and a little injection of community interest in a club which has 25 players on its books, 22 of them Australian. If so, it is a bold gamble. "I just wish I had started

playing league earlier." Paul said. "But I just didn't have the right guidance." From a promising school career on the wing, he drifted in and out of the Old Askeans side, rarely getting a game for the first XV because his face did not fit. The place in the side usual-

went to someone's aunt's first cousin's second son," he said. "To be honest, I lost interest and didn't play for several years."

Watching league on television was as close as he came to playing any game. He thought it looked slow and easy until, through a contact with John Gallagher, the former All Black and Leeds league player, then development officer of rugby league in London, he joined Bexley Heath, one of the 25 amateur league clubs in the capital, last



Paul says he is ready to mix it with the best for London Broncos on Saturday

summer and discovered the truth. "I was shattered after the first game," he recalled. Shattered, but fulfilled. And so brimful of raw talent that the Broncos took an interest and thrust him into the Stones

Championship. "I was only told a couple of days before that I would be playing." Paul said. "On reflection, I wish I had said 'no'. but I'd said 'yes' before I had really thought about it. I just wasn't ready. I didn't know what I should be doing and, of course, Sheffield knew I was

making my debut. Nothing went right." This time, he hopes, will be better. "I am better prepared."

Instead of a 45-minute runout on a Thursday evening with Bexley Heath, Paul is training three times a day as a fully contracted professional with the Broncos, mixing it with hardened internationals like Terry Maddison, the club captain and stalwart of the great, pioneering, Brisbane Broncos side. At the age of 24, he has little time to waste. Whether the new London

Broncos will fare any better than their predecessors, who finished second from bottom in the championship, is open to question. Only half the battle will be on the field. Winning the minds of Londonwill be just hard.

The Broncos should be given full marks for enterprise, though. Five thousand Easter eggs will be distributed to supporters at the home game against Paris Saint-Germain, on April 4. All that, and a shoe salesman on the wing.

### **Australian** players may turn to Europe

By Christopher Irvine

MAURICE LINDSAY, the Rugby Football League's chief executive, will arrive back from Sydney alone to-morrow, but he has suggested that the few rebel players still holding out against a return to the Australian Rugby League (ARL) might follow him to England.

Lindsay says he has been besieged by requests to play in the European Super League and Ricky Stuart and Laurie Daley, the Australia half-back pair, are among those willing to take part. His advice to the players, however, was to go back to the ARL in the short term after the abandonment of the proposed Global League competition, whose cause had been championed by Lindsay since the four-year ban imposed on the Austra-lian Super League by the Sydney Federal Court a fort-

The competition was rendered a non-starter by a court ruling in Sydney yesterday that News Limited, the Australian arm of The News Corporation, the parent company of The Times, could only pay players still under contract to the Australian Super League if they returned to the ARL Ken Cowley, chairman and chief executive of News Ltd, urged players to play under the ARL banner and await the outcome in May of an appeal against the ban on the Super League.

The advice was heeded by most of the 311 rebel players. apart from a handful at Brisbane and Canberra, where Stuart and Daley have hinted they might even sit out the season. It means the second round of the ARL premiership should return to something like normal, after the severe disruption caused by player absenteeism last

After the Global League's swift collapse, hopes of a world club championship between the top four European and Australian Super League sides in September rest on the week-long appeal hearing,

#### RADIO CHOICE

# A taste for the spider

Venom: Spiders. Radio 4 (FM) 10,00am.

Jeremy Grange must have nerves of steel and/or the skin of a rhino. How else could he have embarked on his series about the mainly antisocial behaviour of spiders, snakes and jellyfish? It is not enough to be told about the Venezuelan spider that hitched a lift in a coffin to be told about the Venezuelan spider that hitched a lift in a coffin to be told about the blood from the corpse, left it all desiccated. We and, after draining the blood from the corpse, left it all desiccated. We must also learn about what the bite of the Black Widow spider can do inflict rain so severe that it makes victims feel that wild door are must also learn about what the offe of the black whole spider can do
— inflict pain so severe that it makes victims feel that wild dogs are
tearing them apart. We learn about some South American Indians
who eat spiders, first removing the fangs which they use as
toothpicks, and there is the unpalatable truth about Little Miss Muffet's arachnophobia.

Evening Concert. Classic F.M., S.00pm.

l do not mean to marginalise Vaughan Williams's Sea Symphony or I do not mean to marginalise Vaughan Williams's Sea Symphony or Gordon Langford's Rhapsody on Sea Shanties, but, of the three works tonight, it is Debussy's La Mer that has the saltiest taste. Astonishingly, Lalo said that when he listened to La Mer he could not hear, see or feel the sea; and I reject what one eminent American music critic wrote: "A Gallic picture of the sea is apt to run more to stewards, basins and lemons than to the wild majesty of Poseidon," We do not know whether it was the sea off the Channel Islands or Fastbourne that inspired Debussy, but we do know that his chosen Eastbourne that inspired Debussy, but we do know that his chosen cover design for the score was a hig Japanese wave. Peter Davalle

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#### VIRGIN RADIO

6.00mm Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dens 4.00pm Nicky Home 7.30 Paul Coyle 10.00 Mark Formal 2.00-6.00mm Robin Bunks

# Agreement appears closer

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

THE Rugby Football Union (RFU) and the leading clubs in England edged warily closer to each other yesterday. After more than six hours' discussion in London, agreement in principle was reached on several issues, but differences remain in such areas as player contracts and competition structures.

Both parties will hope to resolve those differences before Sunday, when RFU officials are due to meet the 40 clubs who make up the National Clubs Association.

There is an enormous amount of work to be done

before the start of next season," Cliff Brittle, the RFU executive committee chairman, said. "We have been burning the midnight oil for many weeks; the time frame is very short, but we have to get

Central to the debate have been players contracts, with the clubs seeking primacy whereas the RFU wants the same control as that negotiated by their southern hemisphere counterparts. Among the outside observers were Jonathan Crystal, a lawyer familiar with the legal niceties of football.

However, both sides remain in touch, which is more than can be said of the situation in France, where Bernard Lapasset's position as federation president is under threat. The federation's management committee has found itself bypassed in the decision-making process and Lapasset is also under fire for his handling of marketing contracts by the French sports ministry. ☐ In the semi-finals of the

Swalec Cup, Pontypridd will play Llanelli and Newport will meet Neath. The ties will be played back-to-back on neutral grounds on April 13.

# Corsie back on right course

FROM DAVID RHYS JONES IN ADELAIDE

RICHARD CORSIE, Commonwealth champion. shrugged off his disappointment at losing the pairs final on Sunday and made a crisp start to his challenge for the world outdoor singles title here yesterday.

Corsie and his partner, Alex Marshall, were beaten by Jeremy Henry and Sammy Allen, of Ireland, a defeat which prompted him to change his trusty bowls. The move worked as Corsie dispatched Jacob Van Deventer. of Zambia, 25-10, and Patrick Knight, of Brazil, 25-9. Knight had earlier turned a few heads

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when he raced into a 10-4 lead over Allen, but the Irish veteran moved up a gear and scored 21 shots without reply to win 25-10. Tony Allcock, the champi-

on, who had a bye in the first round, seemed to have the measure of Oliver Fowler, of Kenya, but struggled to finish him off, and had to settle for a modest 25-17 victory. John Price, of Wales, and the antipodean challengers, Kelvin Kerkow, of Australia, and Rowan Brassey, of New Zealand, all avoided defeat on the opening day.

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FRANCE

prises in the fours event. Norfolk Island, an Australian protectorate, took delight in overturning New Zealand, 21-19, while Cook Islands, skipped by their deputy prime minister. Inatio Akaruru. forced a creditable tie with Noel Graham's Ireland quar-

tet, all of whom are in their twenties. No team, on the day, however, could match the performance of the Wales four, skipped by Robert Weale, who beat Western Samoa 48-7. England began with a 27-14 victory over Guernsey while Scotland beat Malawi 33-12.

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SNOW REPORTS

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Magnusson 11:30-12.30cm Music Renton Linda Nicholson, fortepiano, and Hiro Kurosald, violin, perform sonatas by Schobert

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and guests review the results of Megalab 96 (r) 8.30 The New Sexual Nature. Dr Gillian Rice explores the implications of being able to choose the sex of your offspring (3/4) 9.00 In Touch. Peter White with

news and information for visually impaired people 9.30 Kaleidoscope, with Paul Vaughan (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight With

10.46 Book at Bedtime: Picnic at Hanging Rock Lisa Harrow reads Joan Lindsay's haunting novel (7/10) (r)
11.00 Mediumwave (r)
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FREQUENCY GUIDE, RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8, RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2, RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4, RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5. LVE. MW 639, 909. WORLD SERVICE MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102, VIRGIN RADIO 10.68; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO UK. MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Gillian Maxey, Rosemary Smith and Susan Thomson

#### WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 44

PA'ANGA

(c) The monetary unit of Tonga. The Tongan word. The Times. 1966: Tonga has decided against calling its new decimal currency unit the dollar because the native word, tola, also means a pig's snout, the soft end of a coconut, or, in vulgar language, a mouth. The new unit, to be introduced next year, will be called a paranga, which has only two alternative meanings — a coin-shaped seed and, not surprisingly. money. RACLETTE

(a) A fondue-like dish consisting of cheese melted before an open fire, scraped onto a plate, and served with potatoes. From the French for a scraper. "Raclette is a speciality of the Valais. A whole side of cheese grilled in front of a brazier, the sizzling bits scraped onto your plate, and served with potatoes boiled in their skins and gherkins." (b) A raised bank in the Fen district of East Anglia, consisting of the bed and levees of a dry river-course which have been raised above the level of

the adjacent land by deposition of silt, usually by the incoming tide, and by compaction and the lowering of the adjacent peat soil; occasionally used to signify only a levee bounding such a river-course.

(b) To sit down wearily, to flop, to slouch or loaf (around). An adaptation of the Yiddish platsen. German platsen to burst, influenced by the German platz a place or seat. "He just kind of plotzed around waiting to fall into some kind of a cushy job."

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Source: \$4 Club of Great Britain L - lower slopes; U - upper

# Tonight on BBC2, children sharing their suites & cornets.

EEC The Brass Final, 7.30pm. BBC Young Musicians '96 Events. Lloyds Bank



# Special pleading from a cash-strapped force

REVIEW

thought that a documentary cials in policing Britain would be a reliable refuge from Edwina Cur-rie. Alas, the realisation that Channel 4 had taken its cameras to Derbyshire should have been sufficient warning.

Thus it was that last night, halfway through Cutting Edge: Special Force, we came upon Edwina and her village Special Constable, standing face to face on the hearthrug in front of a log fire. She opined that they had not met before. If this was a nudge or a wink, the Special Constable did us all a favour by ignoring it.

He had in fact stopped her car late one night in the course of a routine check and asked her if she had been drinking. The question was perfectly timed to induce panie in a mere mortal: Edwina was driving her husband home after dinner at a brewery.

Edwina owned up to "two halves of lager, four hours earlier" and the constable decided, on the basis of her general demeanour, that there would be no need for a breath test. Presented with the chance of 15 minutes of tabloid fame ("Edwina couldn't even get drunk in a brewery"), the constable had blown it. Derbyshire has one of Britain's

more controversial police forces. The national target is for 20 per cent of all police to be Specials by the end of the century, but Der-byshire already has 25 per cent. That is partly because Derby-

shire is underfunded (though that claim was not explained last night) and has failed its Home Office test three years in a row. Therefore the force is giving Specials a bigger share of policing because Specials come free.

The Police Federation objects, but then it would. A sergeant from the federation said that whereas

ing, the Specials had ten days. This was all very well for routine patrols and traffic duty, but in his view the Specials were being given tasks for which they were unfit.

Colleen Denby, a Special who runs a cake shop, was followed around by the cameras and demonstrated that whatever she might lack in experience was compensated for in common sense. She met an interesting range of drunks: "Some are quite cheerful and just want to hold your hand or have a cuddle. Some want to hit you."

between "proper" exponents and the rest. Actors suffer, too. Prunella Scales tells of meeting people while out walking with Timothy West, her husband Thank you for all the pleasure you've given us in Shakespeare."

the punter will announce to West,

Policing is not the only area of life where divisions exist

Peter Barnard

before turning to Scales, "Of course we've seen you, too, but you do comedy, don't you?" This is to natronise a consum-

mate actress whose Sybil in Faulty Towers was one of the classics of television. Last night she began a new series, Acting With ... (BBC2 except Wales, where it will be shown this Friday).

A W... is a master-class,

took pairs of young actors through texts from The Birthday Party, The Importance of Being Earnest and Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead, in a fascinating voyage around the actor's art.

In particular, she passed on something learnt from John Gielgud about emphasis: that in a given sentence there is invariably only one word that requires emphasis and the actor's task is to identify it.

There was a wonderfully comic moment when Scales called one of e actors "luvvie" and immediately leapt on herself: "Actors never call each other luvvie, it's all got up by the press." I sensed that this little rant had been planned to lighten the mood, but planned or not it showed a deft touch in the handling of what is essentially a rehearsal atmosphere.

If one was seeking a grouse it would be that for a television though Scales hates the word. She audience, a scene from Fawlty

ing. The faultless delivery of Scales and Cleese in that show wrung every last nuance from the script and I would have welcomed a glimpse of the methodology.

lishing, also known as angling, is the most popular participant sport in Britain but that does not make the assessment by the American comedian Steve Wright any less perceptive: that there is a thin line between fishing and standing on a river bank looking like an idiot.

In Go Fishing (Channel 4) last night we were confronted with the presenter John Wilson not only standing beside the Wensum in Norfolk, but also crawling towards its bank on all fours, to avoid casting a shadow over the water in which lurked chub. Daddy, daddy, what's that man doing? Hush, child, I'll tell you when you are older.

boat at sea in search of fish that have long since been vacuumed-up by Spanish trawlers, registered in Newlyn, whose skippers have grand old Cornish names such as Jose and Manuel. But river fishing? Far too easy.

Rivers have men called keepers who breed fish in tanks. They tip the fish into the river and the fishermen come along with their rods and hoik them out. A piece of cake compared with dropping a line off the Lizard when the nearest fish is 50 miles away.

Yes, I know: I'm missing something. And Wilson makes Go Fishing worth the watching. He conveys a genuine admiration for the fish. Not even John Motson drooling over Eric Cantona can match Wilson with a salmon on his hook: "Look at that! He's still going! Beautiful! Glorious madness.

■ Matthew Bond is on holiday

#### A TOPOGRAPHA 6.00am Business Breakfast (83572) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceelax) (47171) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelax)

9.20 Cen't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (2963171) 9.45 Kilroy. Topical discussion (s) (8787626) 0.30 Good Morning (s) (97607) 2.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and

weather (2814591) 2.05pm Turnabout (s) (5237133) 2.30 Going for a Song (42539)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceelax) and veather (17930) 1.30 Regional News and weather (67112323)

1.40 Neighbours (Ceelax) (s) (94465249) 2.00 Pebbie Mill (s) (8143997) 2.40 The Rockford Files (r) (1857626)

3.30 Anta in Your Pants (s) (6724591) 3.50 Orville and Cuddles (s) (4708249) 3.56 Chucklevision (s) (6743626) 4.15 Free Willy (Caelar) (s) (2289882) 4.35 Take Two (Ceetax) (s) (2520220) 5.00 Newsround (Ceetax) (3379572) 5.10 Grange Hill (Ceefex) (s) (1989220)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (130336) 6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceelax) and weather

6.30 Regional News Magazines (775)

7.00 Hollday. Jili Dando experiences New Zealand's volcanic landscape and the bubbling geysers alongside the bush and coastifne of the Coromandel peninsula; Sankha Guha visits Palma, Majorca; Monty Don scrutinises Berlin and Kevin Woodford visits Whitby, the lown that boasts connections with Bram Stoker's Dracula (Ceslax) (s) (5249)

7.30 EastEnders. Sam sets the record straight and shocks Peggy and when Clindy learns of lan's future plans, she decides it is time to make David act

(Ceelax) (s) (959) .00 Great Ormond Street, Tales of heartbreak and courage from the wards of the famous children's hospital. including a six-vear-old with one of the largest chest tumours the hospital has

ever treated (Ceelax) (s) (4997) 8,30 The Brittes Empire. Comedy of errors with the periantic lessure centre menager With Chris Bame (Ceelax) (E) (3404)

news and weather (7442) 3.30 They Think it's All Over. The comedian Nick Hancock comperes a game of wi captains David Gower and Gary Lineker who are joined by regulars Rory McGratt and Lee Hurst. This week's duests are Steve Cram and Craig Charles (Ceetax)

3.00 The Oscars. Barry Norman presents a specially-edited round-up of the 68th annual Academy Awards ceremony (Ceelax) (s) (8794)

2.00 FILM: Network (1976) starring Pater Finch (who won a posthumous Oscar). Faye Dunaway, William Holden and Beatrice Straight, A satirical drama about an Increasingly unhinged television anchomian. Directed by Sidney Lumet (Ceetax) (99195) 1.00em Weather (6046027)

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#### BBC2 6.00am Open University: Edison - the Invention of Invention (7960794) 6.50 Cheddar (6599317) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Ceelax and signing) (1491607) 7.30 Stingray (r) (Ceelax) (35336) 8.00 Blue Peter (r) (Ceelax) (s) (5107152) 8.25 Oakle Doke (r) (s)

8.40 The Record (s) (6715423) 9.05 Daytime on Two: Lamaxpress (s) (6534588) 9.25 See You, See Me (s)

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4.00 Today's the Day (s) (688) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (572) 5.00 Esther (s)

5.30 The Village. Last programme in the documentary series about a Hampshire 6.00 Fresh Prince of Bei Air (a) (132355) 6.25 Heartbreak High. Stave's vanishing act worries his pals; Matt's father arrives at

Hartley and Bolton moves into the

warehouse with Allie (Ceefax) (s) 7.10 The Ren and Stimpy Show, Animation (Ceetax) (s) (785881)



7.30 Young Musicians 96. National Bra Final. Jury members John Miller, David Purser and Richard Watkins pick this year's brass finalist from tive highly talented young musicians. The winner goes forward to Sunday's Concerto final

8.30 Food and Drink. Chris Kelly and the team with recipes, tastings, features and (Ceetax) (s) (1046)

9.00 Murder One. Neil Avedon is granted ball (Ceelax) (s) (799626)

9.45 Straight from the Heart (Ceelax) (s) (929442) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceelax) (204065) 11.15 The All-New Alexel Sayle Show (1) (5)

(383355) WALES: 11.15-12.00 Wales 2006 - the Agenda (383355) 11.45 Holiday Outings (s) (254930) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (s) (94553) 12,30em7.15 Learning Zone:

#### CHOICE Metermania

Channel 4, 8,00om

The story of Britain and the motor car reaches the Second World War and almost comes to a full stop. With car factories taken over for more pressing needs, and petrol rationed and then virtually withdrawn, there were no new cars to buy and little chance of using existing ones. Moreover, the blackout made driving dangerous and 1941 saw a record number of road deaths, despite a halving of traffic compared with before the war. All of this is recorded in a lively mixture of reminiscence and archive film. Stories of black-market petrol, and of petrol substitutes, are particularly diverting. Even after the war most car production went for export and petrol remained on ration. The Morris Minor, offering new extras such as a heater and a radio, was the star of the first postwar Moior Show. But it was easier to buy one in Sweden than in Britain.

Withom Walls Channel 4. 9.00pm and 9.30pm

The only thing wrong with tonight's items is that both could have been longer. The Without Walls format of two half-hour films Without Walls format of two half-hour films can bring welcome discipline but it is also restricting when there is more to say. Jonathon Green's investigation into slang raises all sorts of intriguing questions which there is no time to develop. But his argument that slang is a welcome challenge to the moralistic and pretentious is persuasively made. The American cop series Starsky and Hutch likewise deserves more than this brief Hutch likewise deserves more than this brief and somewhat hectic analysis, intelligent though it is on the show's attitudes towards violence, blacks, women and male relationships. The film, the first of three on television police series, is a reminder that however transparent popular drama might appear, it is never ideologically neutral.

Straight From the Heart: Guilty Secrets BBC2, 9,45pm

The series about real-life love stories continues to prove that potentially sensational material can be treated in a sensitive and honest way. All of tonight's stories are the stuff of which tabloid headlines are made. What we get instead is sober, thoughtful recollection. The common thread is a guilty secret. Stella loved one man but married another. John's marriage lasted a long time and produced five children. But transsexual and wanted to live as a woman Lawrence, out of work for long periods. developed a compulsive shopping lantasy. He imagined himself as John Travolta and bought clothes to match. His spending, concealed from his wife, brought the family finances to the edge of ruin.

Channel 4, 10,00pm

The Liverpool-based Sixties drama continues to harp on sex and class. These were the days when, if a girl got pregnant, the boy felt forced to marry her, unless the problem could be solved by a do-it-yourself abortion. It was the time when gay relationships, still outside the law, exposed the participants to blackmail. And a newly assertive working class was challenging what it saw as middle-class complacency. All these themes are woven into Joe Ainsworth's a result sociology tends to swamp character. Meanwhile, Jermy Agutter claims the most individual performance as the unhappy spouse of Stephen Moore's aspiring Conservative MP. Her strained and miserable face, as she reluctantly plays the political wife, is acting which conceals acting.

Peter Waymark

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6,00mm GMTV (5603012) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (2948862)

9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (4209688) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (8404201) 10.35 This Morning (98463775)

12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (2810775) 12.30 News & Weather (Teletext) (7697442) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (7672133) 1.25 High Road (Teletext) (3976864) 2.00 (Teletext) (s) (30546317) 2.25 Chain Letters (Teletext) (s) (30558152) 2.50 Vanesse (Teletext) (s) (4151249)

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3.30 The Magic House (s) (5510152) 3.40 Tots TV (r) (s) (2525607) 3.50 Sooty and Co (r) (s) (6720775) 4.15 Animaniacs (r) (Teletext) (s) (9995 (Teletext) (1343171)

5.10 Animal Country (9416423) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (656959) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (129881) 6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (394064)

7.00 Emmerdale. Nick has an encounter with poechers; while Kathy's evening ends in a passionate clinch (Teletext) (s) (7107) 7.30 West Eye View. Current affairs magazine

(Teletext) (355) 8.00 The Bill. Conwey has to defend Lordon and Keane, when a young tearaway is injured (Taletext) (9065)

8.30 Married for Life. Ted decides it is high time he had some recognition from his



Shepherd and McLeod (9.00pm)

Kate reaches a critical point as he and Andrew disagree over the welfare of a 12year-old boy. With Simon Shepherd, Gary darvers and Shelagh McLeod (Teletext) (s) (9751)

10.00 News & weather (Teletext) (43715) 10.30 Regional News (429997)

10.40 Savage Sides. Using rare and astonishing footage, the programme traces the lifespan of the whirtwind that devastated Wichita, Kansas, in 1991 (Teletext) (404978)

11.46 Prisoner Cell Block H (537065) 12.35 FILM: Black Moon Rising (1986) starring Tommy Lee Jones, Linda Hamilton and Robert Vaughan. A steal a top-secret computer tape from a

to be problematic. Directed by Harley Cokliss (173911) 2.25 Late & Loud (s) (2046244) 3.25 The Chart Show (r) (s) (1080805) 4.15 [TV Sport Min! Classics (46457447)

4.25 Football Extra (r) (6127992)

5.00 The West at Work (63517)

5.30 Morning Name (99006)

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7.30-8.00 Grass Roots (355)

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2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (3091171) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9416423) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (45626) 7.30-8.00 Wild West Country (355)

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5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9416423) 6.25-7.00 Central News (394064) 7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (355)

11.40 Film: Agatha Christie's Thirteen at Dinner (421201) 1.25cm Late & Loud (4483756) 2.30 Hotel Babylon (4482669) 3.05 Funny Business (18373805) 3.35 Football Extra (9648485) 4.15 Job@nder (4727008) 5.20 Asian Eye (8745089)

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Cooks (171) 7.30-8.00 Serve You Right Live (355)

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2.05 Fit.M: My Gai Sai (1942) slarring Victor Mature and Rita Hayworth. A biopic of the 19th-century songwriter Paul Dresser and the love of his life, the musical comedy star Sally Elhott. Directed by Irving Cummings (318997)

4.00 Jimmy's (r) (Teletext) (s) (864) 4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (268) 5.00 The Montel Williams Show (Teletext) (s) (2537305)

5.50 Terrytoons(834201) 6.00 The Avengers (r) (Teletext) (43268) 7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (429539) 7.55 The Slot, Viewers' soapbox (722572)

8.00 Motor Mania: is Your Journey Necessary? (Teletext) (a) (7607) 8.30 Brookside. Max protests his innocence but nobody is interested; Jacqui and Rachel are incensed when David Invites

himself to their party; and Kylie comes home from Thailand (Teletext) (s) (9442) Without Wells: A Brief History of Slang (Teletext) (8)



Cope Soul and Glaser (9.30pm)

9.30 Without Walls: C4PD — Starsky and Hutch (Teletext) 10.00 And the Best Goes On

(Teletext) (a) (1201626)

11.85 Big Mouth. Tony Parsons with a challenging modure of music and discussion. With Miranda Sawyer reviewing the week's new records (s) (849442) 12.10am Nurses. Black cornedy series set in a

Miami hospital (Teletext) (s) (2927553) 1.35 FiLM: Gentleman's Agreement (1947, b/w). Elia Kazan'a Oscar-winning Indictment of American anti-Semitism, starring Gregory Peck as a magazine writer who poses as a Jew and encounters bitter prejudice (67935486) 3.50 Writing on the Line. Gwyn A. Williams looks at the life and death of the Czeci writer, patriot and one-time mistress of kafka, Milena Jesenska (played by Michele Wade) (r) (7391282). Ends at

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KY MOVIES\_ Lonesome (1994) (808737) 4.00-Jack Reed: Badge of Honour SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm The Big Sky (1952) (6210) 6.00 The Rose Tattoo (1955) (89046) 8.00 Paradisa Alloy (1978) (84561) 10.00 The Exorcist III (1990) (616997) 11.55 Mommie Deerest (1981) (20645775) 05am-3.45 Lust for a Vampire (1970)

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SKY SPORTS 7.00mm Sky Sports Centre (58161) 7.30
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Cavalcade (32189) 9.00 Aerobics (15046)
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New Zealand (839135) 10.30 Sports
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(23539) 12.00 World Wide Rugby (71737)
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18.60pm Golden Rugby: Scotland v England 1990 (2195807) 10.30 Golden Gloves with Barry McGuigan (7368978) 11.30 The Golden Age of Motor Reching (2904059) 12.30am-1.00 Blood. Sweet and Glory (5050669) THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

A.00am Living Word 5.00 Kenneth Cope-land 5.30 Kdz TV 5.45 Chronicles of Revival 6.15 Colin Dye 6.45-7.08 Christian SKY SOAP 7.00em Gucling Light (5745220) 7.55 As the World Turns (8641152) 8.50 Psyton Place (8891301) 8.20 Days of Our Lives (765323) 10.10-11.00 Another World (5796713)

SKY TRAVEL 11,00em Globelrotler (4081794) 11,300 Trafiside (4082423) 12,000 Once the World (2194978) 12,30pm Bruce Eats America (9547794) 1,000 Gattwey (166775) 1,300 Around the World (9548055) 2,000 Oscover America (8546055) 3,000 Globelrotler (4093268) 3,300 Around the World (7817930) 3,355-4,000 Hostidey Shoppings

THE HISTORY CHANNEL 4,00pm VJ Day (4072046) 5.00 The Life and Times of Lord Mountbatten (4077220) 6.00-7.00 Begraphy (655713)



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'England need younger man'

# Illingworth to stand down as team manager

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

RAYMOND Illingworth, the butt of widespread indigna-tion over the decline of England's cricket, revealed sterday that he was standing down as team manager but that the source, style and volume of personal attacks upon him had, paradoxically, fortified him to continue as chairman of selectors.

After a sour, confusing week that has further belittled the image of the English game, Illingworth has pre-empted discussion of his management role at the executive meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board today by informing Dennis Silk, the chairman of the board, that he does not wish to continue. "We need to bring in a younger man as manager and I have made my own recommendation. It is up to them now," Illingworth

While a decision will be made today between David Lloyd, John Emburey and Phil Neale, in that descending order of likelihood, Illingworth is responding to the critics who believe he should lose both positions. He admits to having considered resignation but is now intent on completing the extra one-year term as chairman, farcically forfeited to him last Friday when David Graveney was obliged to withdraw his rival candidature under the instructions of his main employer, the Cricketers' Association.

"It's not been a pleasant week," Illingworth said. "A lot of knives have been stuck in my back and although I've found out where they came from, that too has upset me. Some were from too close to home, even from within ou winter tour party, and I find that very disappointing.

"I could have walked away from it all, because it was getting to my wife and family as well as to me, but I've been stung, so my reaction is to carry on. I am that sort of stubborn bloke. When people do things like this to me, it gets my back up."

The source of the campaign to overthrow Illingworth has been the Warwickshire club, whose chairman, M. J. K. Smith, circulated a letter to every other county detailing the perceived shortcomings of the chairman. "I have seen a copy of the letter and I take issue with a lot of its points," Illingworth said. "But it is the fact that it goes behind my



Illingworth: criticism

Illingworth declined to name those members of the winter touring party who have also been agitating for his removal, other than to confirm that at least one player was involved. "Why do these people not come to me and tell me what they think I am doing wrong, rather than acting as they have? I have always been a straightforward man who says what he thinks, and this

sort of thing is very hurtful. "I heard Kevin Keegan speaking after Newcastle were beaten on Saturday. He said that he can take criticism but that it was time some of his players held up their hands too. I feel the same way. I have been let down by certain players who have not per-formed and it will not matter who is chairman or manager if that continues to be the

there has been an over-reac-tion since the World Cup and, to some degree, he is right. "Our Test cricket has not been bad during the past 12 months. There were no grumbles last summer when they were filling the Test grounds on the fifth days," he points out. "It is our one-day cricket that has been poor and per-

more attention to it. "I have always supported our board's position on the primacy of Test cricket. But we have not adapted sufficiently to the altered rules and conditions of the overs game."

He refused, however, to accept that his own methods had been exposed as obsolete. "I have a fertile mind. I would still play the modern one-day game as well as anyone."

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manager, Illingworth feels he must remain close to the England team. "I am a dressing-room type," he explains, "and I hope the new manager will always want to talk to me." He wants the appointed manager to become a selector but foresees great difficulties if Graveney is re-elected too. "It would be an embarrassment for both of us," he said.

chairmanship and of Illing-worth's reduced responsibilities at least permits the executive committee to make an appointment today and if Lloyd, of Lancashire, is their man, it will probably have a sizeable benefit, persuading Michael Atherton that he should remain as captain.

World Cup experience, has been considering his future in the past fortnight, prior to leaving on Lancashire's preseason tour. Illingworth spoke to him last week and related: "He is still thinking about his position." The promotion of Lloyd, friend and confidant as well as a suitably innovative coach, should insure against the loss of one of England's few prime assets.



Colin Jackson and Melanie Neef at the launch yesterday of Golden Wonder's sponsorship of the Great Britain athletics team at the Olympic Games in Atlanta. Jackson hinted that he would end his boycott of meetings organised by the British Athletic Federation

# Modahl verdict poses vital questions,

THE reliability of sport's drug-testing programme has been seriously damaged by the case of Diane Modahl, who was yesterday exonerated of taking a performance-

enhancing drug.
The 1990 Commonwealth 800 metres champion rai struggled for nearly two years to persuade the athletics authorities of her innocence. It has cost her more than £200,000 in legal and scientific fees and she has filed a writ for 🕠 compensation of £480.000 from the British Athletic Federation (BAF). However, in clearing Modahl, the International Amateur Athletic Feder-

ation (IAAF) has raised more problems than it has solved. Modahl's advisers argued that the urine sample that she provided on June 18, 1994 had become degraded because k had been left unrefrigerated for 40 hours at the stadium in Lisbon, where she had been John Goodbody on a decision which has produced more problems than solutions for sport's drug-testing policies

bacteriological action which resulted in an increase in the amounts of testosterone, th male hormone, in her urine. It was clear that when Modahl's urine specimen was re-analysed, in front of independent experts, for the Bsample on August 30, 1994 that it had become degraded. The question was whether this

degradation had caused the freak reading. Several of the other laboratories accredited by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), such as Montreal and at King's College, London University, would not have

continued with the analysis because of its degradation. However, what is curious is that none of the other seven

samples in the same batch, all from different athletes, had become sufficiently contaminated to snow this advers finding. They had been stored, unreirigerated, in the same place as the specimen of Modahl.

What is even more curious is that this phenomenon has not been observed previously. Many urine samples are kept unrefrigerated in transit to the iaboratory and a total of nearly 100,000 samples are examined each year by the 18 IOC-accredited laboratories.

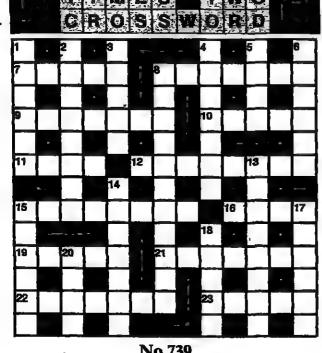
Even more worrying is that it might have occurred before, and that some other competitors may have had to serve suspensions when they were not guilty of a doping offence. The case of Modahi would

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enough of the original urine sample remained for the Lisbon laboratory to have carried out the test, which might have athlete.

general secretary, said yesterday: "Until now we sort of blindly followed the message from these laboratories. The message from this case is that this should not be so. There should be double or triple checks."

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# FA charges Grimsby manager

By Our Sports Staff

BRIAN LAW, the Grimsby Town manager, has finally been charged with misconduct by the Football Association, six weeks after an alleged dressing-room incident at Luton that left the club's Italian player, Ivano Bonetti, nursing a fractured jaw.

"We have been in lengthy correspondence with the club, the player and his legal adviser over the events which followed that game," an FA spokesman, Steve Double, said yesterday. "As a result of statements we have received, there is a clear case to answer." Laws now has 14 days to decide whether to request a

disciplinary commission. The England coach, Terry Venables, has warned that he will demand the release of all

his players on the weekend of April 20-21, to prepare for the match against Croatia on April 24. Several clubs are thought to be eyeing the free weekend to ease their fixture congestion. But Venables insists it is time for everyone to start supporting England with the European championship drawing near.

"I have been at a Premier League club and I understand the fixture problems. But we're talking about a massive tournament for our country and what it can do for us,"

for the Premier League said: "As far as we are concerned, every fixture has now been finalised until the end of the season. We would look very unfavourably on any attempt to rearrange fixtures.

Although Phil Babb is among six players to have withdrawn from the Ireland squad for the game with Russia tomorrow, Mick Mc-Carthy, the republic's new manager, intends to experiment with three central defenders, one of whom will be Paul McGrath, who after his dominant display in the Coca-Cola Cup final, is talking of extending his career for another season. His Aston

ton, normally a full back or midfield player for Ireland, may be used as a centre back. McCarthy is considering giving a first cap to goalkeeper Shay Given, who has been

beaten in only three of the 14

games he has played for Sunderland since joining on loan from Blackburn Rovers. Ally McCoist, of Rangers, will be captain of Scotland when he makes his fiftieth international appearance against Australia at Hampden

Park tomorrow, Pierluigi Pairetto, of Italy, will referee the European championship match between England and Scotland at

# Forces of Evil face television ban

By David Maddock

NIKE, the sportswear manufacturers, always seemed to be pushing it a little when they portrayed Eric Cantona, in their latest advertising campaign, as representing the ultimate force of goodness in the fight against football evil. The television advert, which was screened for the first time in England yesterday, could now be banned.

Not because of the Cantona connection, of course, although that could raise cycbrows. It is the content of the commercial which has caused offence. The 60-second offering, screened first on Channel 4's The Big Breakfast, pitches Cantona and various other players in action against an "evil" XI. The film is

There are scenes of snarling supporters baying for blood and hurling raw meat onto the pitch, attacks on players, and a

fearsome representation of the devil, wings and all, who is depicted as a

It is the suggestion of crowd violence which is likely to cause problems in this country, given the imminence of the European championship. The Independent Television Commission (ITC) has

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fronts the show, said.

not yet viewed a copy of the film, but the signs are not good for Nike. A screening for the complaints authority is likely today, and a ban could follow. Even presenters on The Big Breakfast were dubious. "I don't think the advert should be shown to children," Zoe Ball, who

Nike remained in upbeat mood yester-

day, understandably given the publicity the simmering controversy has already generated. Tamara McCartney, a company spokeswoman, said that the campaign was a light-hearted attempt to highlight the positive side of football. She neglected to add that the advert had been altered to remove one scene where lan Wright, the Arsenal forward, head-butts an opponent. He is seen instead verbally abusing a blind referee.

"What Nike is trying to get across is that there are negatives in football which can destroy the game, but technical skills, creativity and teamwork can overcome the evil in the game. We are sorry if people take offence, but we believe it is a positive message," McCartney said.

Cantona is described as a super-hero in the fight against ultimate evil. At the end, he blasts a flaming ball through the devil's stomach, thus securing victory for the powers of good.

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# . Dole pays tribute to mentor Nixon on eve of primary

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER AND IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

IN WHAT might seem a puzzling move. Bob Dole firmly identified himself with Richard Nixon while campaigning in California for today's Re-

publican primary. He made a pilgrimage to Nixon's grave and then delivered an emotional speech in praise of the only American President who was forced to resign in disgrace. Mr Dole saw the visit as a tribute to the man he regarded as a mentor and political role model. The visit revived memories of Mr Dole breaking into sobs as he delivered the eulogy at Nixon's

Shortly before Nixon died two years ago at the age of Sl. he advised Mr Dole to run to the Right in the presidential primaries and then return to the centre in time for the general election against President Clinton - advice that Mr Dole seems likely to follow.

Nixon also assured Mr Dole, who will be 73 in July. that age is not a factor for a politician as long as his health remains good. As if to deflect Pat Buchanan's charges of elitism. Mr Dole took pains to compare lus humble beginnings with Nixon's. Both were born into working-class families who struggled through the Depression.

I got along very well with Mr Nixon," said Mr Dole, during a stop at the Nixon library, birthplace and gravesite in Yorba Linda, outside Los Angeles, "We were good friends in the good times and bad." Mr Dole does, however, reject any connection with Nixonian dirty tricks and Wa-

tergate. "I was off that night," he says. He believes that Nixon would have difficulty winning the Republican nomination today because he would be considered too prag-matic and moderate. Mr Dole is nothing if not pragmatic but, for now at least, would

Mr Dole appealed to both Mr Buchanan and Ross Perot to keep out of the general election to avoid siphoning off Republican votes and thereby ensuring Mr Clinton's re-

rather not be thought of as

Washington: The former US Secretary of State, Edmund Maskie, was in critical condition after a heart attack and a stroke. Mr Muskic, 81, a former Maine senator and Democratic presidential candidate lu 1972, suffered the complications during surgery to remove a blood clot from his leg. (Reuter)

election. He discounted Mr Perot's fledgeling Reform Party. saying that Republicans were already embracing the reforms that the maverick billionaire has in mind.

Mr Dole described Mr Buchanan as "a good Republi-can", and urged him to close ranks. But yesterday Mr Buchanan threatened an independent run for the White House now that he has lost his battle for the Republican presidential nomination.

The rabble-rousing populist is planning to send letters to

Hillary Clinton, watched by her daughter Chelsea, hugs Emina Bicakcic, eight, who read a poem she had written when the First Lady arrived at Tuzla airbase yesterday during her eight-day European goodwill tour

# Fears grow over Bosnia arms

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

WASHINGTON'S plan to provide the Bosnian Government with heavy weapons later this year is causing increasing

Although there is no question of covertly equipping the Bosnian army --- it will be done openly and will be monitored by an international arms control team — British military sources admitted yesterday that they were "unbappy" about the prospect of American arms arriving in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Britain and the rest of the European Union have decided against any arms trading with the country while the Nato-led Imple-mentation Force (Ifor) is still deployed

there in its peacekeeping role.
Officially, the EU governments have decided not to oppose the American "equip and train" strategy, although they have relayed to Washington their fears of any arms build-up during ifor's 12-month deployment, because of the need to maintain Nato's impartial role. Under

the Dayton peace agreement, signed by the leaders of Bosnia. Croatia and Serbia, there is supposed to be weapons parity between the former warring factions. This is based on a ratio of two guns or tanks held by the Muslim/Croat Federation to one by the Republic of Srpska.

The first arms control teams, authorised by the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, have already visited Bosnia and performed random checks. British military sources said the checks. Which allowed access to any barracks at short notice, had gone smoothly. When American heavy weapons started arriving, there would be a full exchange of data made available to all sides.

The arms embargo has already been lifted but, under the Dayton agreement. only small arms and training can be provided at this stage. Heavy weapons and ammunition, mines, combat aircraft

and military helicopters can be delivered only in about three months' time. Britain is also considering several measures to help the federation with training. Combut training, however, has been ruled out. Foreign Office sources said military assistance would be restricted to such areas as mine clearance and Englishlanguage instruction. Hilary Clinton, the American First

Lady, arrived at Tuzla in northern Bosnia yesterday to meet the US troops who are based there. She was greeted by eight-year-old Emina Bicakcic, who read a poem she had written after the Dayton ace accord was signed. Emina and her family lived in a basement during the siege of Sarajevo.

She was among a group of schoolgirls who greeted the first lady and her daughter Cheisea at Tuzla airport. Mother and daughter brought with them letters from American children to their Bosnian counterparts.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

# Whitewater judge jailed for fraud

Washington: A key White-water figure who claimed President Clinton pressed him to make an illegal loan was ailed for 28 months for defrauding the US Government and told to repay £1.3 million (Ian Brodie writes). David Hale, a former Little Rock judge, was also put on pro-bation and fined £6,600.

## Pope denial

Rome: Vatican officials de-nied Spanish newspaper re-ports that the Pope has intestinal cancer and Parkinson's disease, and announced plans for a visit by the pontiff to Tunisia on April 14.

### Gay 'weddings'

Los Angeles: More than 100 gay couples marched on San Francisco's City Hall to marry", exchanging vows amid street celebrations to mark a new law yesterday allowing such ceremonies in future.

## Hallyday weds

Paris: Johnny Hallyday, 52, a French rock and film star for three decades, has married in a Paris suburb. His fifth wife is Laetitia Boudou and they married the day after her 21st birthday. (AFP)

## Turkey fined

Strasbourg: The European Court of Human Rights told Turkey to pay £5,260 each to two Revolutionary Path members who waited eight years between arrest and being given life sentences. (Reuter)

## Syrians hanged

Damascus: Seven Syrians were hanged in public north of here after being convicted of kidnapping, robbing and murdering a goldsmith, his son and son-in-law, officials said. (Reuter)

## New \$100 note

Washington: The Federal Reserve has released its new \$100 note, designed to thwart counterfeiters. The new note will slowly replace the old one in which almost two-thirds of US currency abroad is held. (AFP)

# High anxiety over tower block debris

FROM TOM WALKER IN HONG KONG

to an abrupt half when she as knocked unconscious by a piece of Lego that fell from a

Leung Sukching's misfortune has highlighted a constant problem in a city crammed with high-rise buildings - the danger to passersby of falling debris, animals and the occasional person. Hardly a week goes by without the South China Morning Post reporting a horrendous injury or lucky escape from the overhead menace.

Ms Leung's campaign manager, Chris Wong Singfai. said the police were investigating the incident but "it was hard to find out where the plastic toy fell from".

Police recorded two years ago that 390 cases of falling objects were investigated, re-

A HONG Kong council candi- sulting in 169 arrests. The date's election campaign came Government has been unable to remedy the menace, due to a shortage of manpower and the habits of the seven million population, some of whom prefer to jettison rubbish from balconies rather than trudge

downstairs with dustbins. The young people have no education in the more crowded housing estates," com-plained Joseph Lai, a

sandwich can turn into a deadly missile when dropped from a height, he said. The Morning Post reported recently that a 69-year-old

their intention, but for the sake of convenience, they throw out dangerous objects." A seemingly-innocuous

councillor. "I don't think it is

woman was impaled by a bamboo pole that crashed through a window of a tram.

# **Minorities** left out of diplomacy

125,000 supporters around the

country to solicit their views. Four top aides including Bay

Buchanan, his sister and cam-

paign manager, are said to be

"four-square behind the idea".

and Mr Buchanan has invited

other prominent backers to his

Virginia home after today's

California primary to discuss

nia primary delivers 163 dele-

gates. Polls put Mr Dole well

ahead of Mr Buchanan - by

52 to 18 per cent - but show

Mr Dole trailing Mr Clinton

easily in today's two other

primaries, in Nevada and

Washington state. He has

already wrapped up the nomi-

nation, with 1,005 delegates,

nine more than needed, to Mr

Mr Buchanan relishes the

limelight, and it is clearly in

his interest to whip up specu-

lation about an independent

bid because it puts pressure on

Mr Dole to meet his demands

for a prime-time convention

speech and robustly conserva-

Mr Buchanan has won

more than two million votes in

the primaries so far, or 20 per

cent of the total. He enjoys a

passionate following among

hardline social conservatives

and economically insecure

blue-collar workers. Exit polls

from last Tuesday's Republi-

can primaries in Michigan.

Ohio and Illinois suggested

that as an independent he

would retain the support of 26,

19 and 14 per cent respectively

tive party platform.

Buchanan's 109.

there by 58 to 37 per cent. Mr Dole is expected to win

The winner-take-all Califor-

the plan.

DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

LAST year the Foreign Office recruited only one member from an ethnic minority out of more than 2,500 throughout Britain who app-

lied to become diplomats. of the intake was female.

The Foreign Office opened 14 new posts last year but spent less on diplomacy than France or Germany. Represented in 188 countries, Britain still has one of the world's largest diplomatic services.

BY MICHAEL BINYON

The figure was given in the Foreign Office annual report. published yesterday. It also showed that there was more success last year in getting women to join — of the 21 people taken into the fast stream of the diplomatic service, 12 were women. This is a marked increase on recent years, when only about a third

# Yeltsin points finger at Nato

By LEYLA LINTON

PRESIDENT YELTSIN yeswhen he arrived in Norway

discuss why Nato is pushing to the East and with what aims." He is also expected to discuss Nato's military manoeuvres in northern Norway. The Russian leader opposes

ship to former Soviet bloc countries in Eastern and Central Europe. Mr Yeltsin, who faces elections in June against tough Communist opposition in Gennadi Zyuganov, will use the visit to raise his profile as a world leader. His wife, Naina, who is playing a bigger public role, is accompanying him. Oleg Soskovets, the Deputy Prime Minister, and Yevgeni Primakov, the Foreign Minister, are also

age. Although the visit is mainly of symbolic importance for the Russians, environmental issues are high on the Norwegian agenda. Oslo is worried about the danger of contamination from Russian nuclear waste in the Kola Peninsula, 30 miles from their joint border. Bjorn Tore Godal, the Foreign Minister, said the situation in northwest Russia was a "catastrophe".

#### terday voiced his concern about Nato war exercises and the alliance's plans to embrace former Warsaw Pact states for a state visit. He said in Oslo: "We will

Nato plans to extend memberpart of a 200-strong entour-

Leading article, page 19

# Astronaut awaits family news on space superhighway



Shannon Lucid: family on Earth has her orders

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

A WOMAN astronaut, floating high above Earth in the Russian space station Mir. is keeping tabs on her husband and three children via

Shannon Lucid, an American scientist who has started a five-month stay on Mir under a Russian-American collaboration, has instructed her family to send her daily bulletins from their home in Texas. She wants to be kept up to date with local gossip, with the children's schooling, her husband's social diary and the weather (though she will be able to see from her 245-mile high vantage point if it is cloudy). "I have told them, on pain of dire consequences, that every night 1

expect them to send an e-mail message," said Ms Lucid, 53, before boarding Mir from the space shuttle Atlantis at the weekend.

It remains to be seen if the nightly messages reach Mir. They will be transmitted via the notorious Moscow telephone system, and Ms Lucid may discover that although the Russians are able to dispatch cosmonauts, they have had more questionable success with their terrestrial communications.

In addition to e-mail, the biochemist will be provided with lighthearted entertainment in the form of television newscasts that will be beamed to her on a regular basis. The National Aeronautical and Space Administra-tion (Nasa) is determined to save her from the fate of an earlier, long-stay astronaut on Mir: boredom..Norman

Thagard, who spent four months on the space station last year, complained that his mind went stale at weekends, when he was resting from his duties.

During his Mir stay, Mr Thagard also lost more than a stone in weight, so disagreeable did he find the Russian food. Nasa has allowed Ms Lucid to select her menus. They include dried beef, dehydrated rice, and custard-style pudding, similar to the rations issued to US troops in Bosnia, though without a hint of Balkan vodka to wash it down. Ms Lucid says she has also developed a taste for canned fish, a speciality of the Mir quartermaster.

Ms Lucid's first tasks after Atlantis docked with Mir were to unpack her belongings and tidy everything away, and also to deal with the rubbish

(which will be borne back to Earth by the shuttle). She has chosen to treat with levity a remark from Yuri Glazkov, deputy director of the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Centre near Moscow, who said that he expected the presence of a woman on Mir to improve the station's "micro-climate". He said: "We anticipate that the fans will be taken care of in a more timely manner because we know that women

love to clean." Ms Lucid's colleagues for the next 140 days will be Yuri Onufrienko and Yuri Usachev. She is uncertain how they will get on, as her Russian is limited chiefly to technological terms. 'I don't think Yuri and Yuri are much interested in sitting around and discussing ways of producing oxygen,"



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PERSON TO PERSON

# State land claim fails to tarnish dreams of riches for thousands of Brazilians



Gold-diggers wait to hear how much access the state-owned mining company will allow them to the huge deposits found in the Amazon

# Gold fever spreads in the Amazon

IN VILA DA SERRA PELADA

THOUSANDS of gold dig-gers, with pick and shovel in hand, are converging on a lush hilly area of the Amazon where Brazil's state-owned mining company says it has discovered what could be the negest gold deposit yet found in South America.

Driven by dreams of "El Dorado", many have walked for miles to reach the ramshackle village of Vila da Serra Pelada in the northern state of Pará. At least 12,000 men are hoping to try their luck digging up the dark red. rocky ground below the hill of Serra Leste, three miles from

the village.
"I had a dream years ago forestelling I would find a lot of gold here. Now I am certain it will come true," said Pedro de Melo, a 58-year-old garim-peiro, or gold-digger, who like most abandoned his family in the poor neighbouring state of Maranhao, to come in search



of quick wealth in the Amazon. "I am not leaving until I am a rich man." he said.

The 30ft hole he has dug at the start of his search is a sign of his conviction. "Yesterday. I found a few grams, romorrow will find more," he said.

He admits he has caught gold fever.

Geologists say that initial tests and excavations by the state mining company Companhia Vale do Rio Doce indicate that at least 150 tonnes of gold, worth £1.63 billion, lie beneath the surface. There could be up to 900 tonnes of top quality gold down there. That would make it into one of the world's biggest mines," said Roberto Macedo Pinheiro, a geologist working on the site.

News of the discovery has travelled fast, triggering a gold rush similar to that which in the 1980s drew 50,000 garimpeiros to excavate 70 tonnes of the precious metal from a huge open mine on land that is now the village of Vale da Serra Pelada.

Armed with shotguns, they invaded land inhabited by indigenous tribes. They built up a Wild West-style settlement where more than 5,000 prostitutes found work and where many residents can be seen stumbling across unpaved roads suffering from the effects of a distilled sugar cane rum, called cachaca. The newly found gold reserves are only a few miles from the now exhausted old mine, parts of which have been turned into a poliuted lake, clogged with

tonnes of mercury used in the extraction of gold. Doctors at the hospital in Serra Pelada said that this year alone they have treated more than 1,000 people suffering from lung nfections, facial paralysis and skin problems caused by

Gold fever produces other problems, too. "People here made lots of money in the 1980s and spent it all on women, cars and drink. They paid hired gunmen to kill their rivals. It was a situation with a tragic end, and the same is likely to happen all over again, "said Luis Gonzaga, the owner of the only hotel in Serra Pelada. "All that sudden wealth sent people crazy, senseless. This place was a den of violence and immorality."

This time the garimpeiros face another obstacle. In the past the Government allowed free access to the mining area as part of a policy to populate the remote areas of the Amazon Basin. Now the stateowned company plans to extract the bulk of gold with modern machines and says that they have the rights over the land around Serra Leste.

The company will allow limited access, but it is unlikely that individuals will be able to make a fortune. "Their primitive methods using the pick and shovel are outdated. To get at the gold, we have to perforate 400 meters below ground and use the latest technology," a spokesman for the state concern said.

However, this will not stop the flow of garimpeiros to the region, and it is estimated that at least 20,000 more will arrive when the first big excavations take place.

Angry gold-diggers are blocking the roads around Serra Pelada to try to stop the company's lorries from moving in with the machinery. "We are not going to allow them to take what is ours. They say its their land and gold. We say its ours," said Mauro da Silva, the selfproclaimed leader of a loosely organised union of garing-





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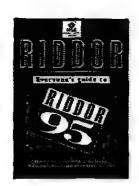
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# The Dead of Night

Only the fear kept us awake, the fear that one of us might fall asleep and leave the other to face the night alone.

Write a short story about what happened that night.

You should think about

- the people in the story
- how the story began
- what happened next
- the ending



# A Special Gift

Things do not have to cost money for us to treasure them. Sometimes the presents we treasure the most are not expensive, but are special for some other reason.



Write a story about a special gift and what happens to the person who receives it. (The person in the story could be you)

Two choices from the English story-writing test. Children have 15 minutes to plan a story based on one of three ideas, which their teacher reads out, then 45 minutes to write it

# Relax for a better result

Primary school teachers Hilary Flaxman and Alison Adams offer advice

hildren will do far better in national curriculum tests i they are relaxed and เวกก็dent - and parents can play a major role in building that self-assurance.

Simply talking with your children can improve all aspects of their performance in English. Despite concern that the video age means the death of verbal communication, children's viewing can be the basis for wide-ranging conversation in the home about what they have watched, or about the characters in games they play.

If parents have any questions about the tests, they should ask at school. It is important that they know what is going on, because it will add to children's confidence if parents can answer their questions honestly.

It is vital that parents do not panie, or compare their children with others. Your child must (ee) relaxed if he or she is u do their best.

We have found that it means an awful lot to children that their parents wish them good luck on the morning of their test, and ask them afterwards h'fw it went. If no one takes an

on how children should be encouraged to approach their English tests

interest, they feel let down. They do not want a great fuss to be made - grilling children incessantly about the tests will only make them anxious - yet they do want recognition. Most children face three

tests, lasting a total of twoand-a-quarter hours, to assess their reading, writing, spelling and handwriting. Their performance will be graded, with the overwhelming majority reaching between Levels 3 and 5. A typical child is expected to achieve Level 4. Some exceptional children will achieve Level 6, which is an excellent result. Children of lower ability will have their reading.



Taking the test for 11-year-olds at a Hertfordshire school

writing and spelling assessed y their teacher.

READING TEST

The first test, on Wednesday. May 15, lasts for an hour. It will be based on texts "linked through a theme" containing separate sections of writing: probably a story, an article, a

will be asked to read them, then answer questions about their contents. Marks are not given for spelling, handwriting, punctuation or grammar in the reading test. Instead, examiners are checking that children have understood the question and answered it pre-cisely from the text. Children while they are answering the uestions. These will probably be about what happens in the story or the information given,

poem and a book list. Children

the characters involved and the way language is used. Children will be asked for opinions on the "theme" of the text they have read, to demonstrate that they can use it as a stimulus to thought.

SPELLING AND HANDWRITING TEST

This 15-minute test, also on Wednesday, May 15, may cause anxiety for some child-ren. It has been designed in the form of a short story. The children have a copy of the story in front of them, with gaps left for some missing words (see example above). The teacher reads the story aloud, with the children following their own scripts. The teacher then repeats the story, giving the children time to fill in the gaps.

There is also a short piece,

probably between 20 and 30 words in length, for the child to copy. This has been introduced to assess each pupil's handwriting skills. The ascenders (such as b. d and l) and the descenders (such as j. shown, since children some - on individual words. times tend to write a capitallooking P. for example, then follow it with a lower-case

developing a joined-up style but each letter should be distinguishable. Large or small writing will not be penalised, provided it is legible.

WRITING TEST

The next day, children will sit an hour-long test to assess their writing skills. They will have to write either a short story or a non-narrative piece, such as a letter or a description of something familiar to them. The choice will be explained to them just before the test. They will have 15 minutes to plan their work and 45 minutes for the test itself.

Children should keep to the style of the option they have chosen. If they are writing a letter, for example, they should remember to sign it.

The first sentence of a story is important, so the child should return to check it if there is time. The story should have a beginning, a middle and an end, showing how the child can set a plot, control the pace, develop characters, use dialogue and interest the

One way to check for spelling, after reading the story through to check for sense, is

The authors teach at Norwood Primary School, Eastleigh, Hamp

# The written evidence

n last year's English tests most children opted to write a story rather than a letter, but their use of para-graphs seemed to suffer as a

The better letters opened with a paragraph giving a clear statement about its purpose. They were divided into a series of further paragraphs, each covering a particular point. However, one shortfall was that few letters ended effectively.

Assessors added: "In the successful letters there was widespread evidence of confident and consistent use of complex structures, including the passive voice. Use of commas was only evident in the bener scripts, and the use of the apostrophe was rare." Many of the stories had

good openings last year but often had weak middle and end sections. Paragraphing was much weaker than in the letters and very long stories often did not score highly

because they were rambling. Examiners said: "Most successful stories were written in

who started in the third person often lapsed into first person by the end."

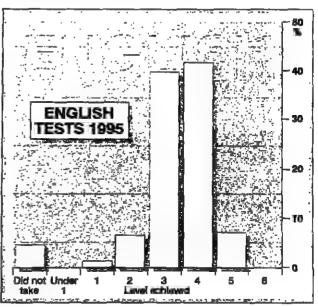
Multiple choice questions in

the reading tests were generally answered well, but questions about characters proved trickier as children had to read between the lines and give evidence for their answers. Some found it difficult to analyse feelings and referred to what characters did instead.

n the spelling test at Levels I and 2, short words were L most often spelt correctly, for example, "top" and "old". The hardest words to spell included "finished", "wonderful" and "number". At Levels 3 to b, children had the most difficulty with "apprehensive" and "occurred".

Handwriting was generally enjoyed by children, but there was one unexpected danger, as assessors pointed out: Some children continued the story given, rather than copying it out as asked."

DAVID CHARTER



TOMORROW: science for 11-year-olds

THURSDAY: preparing for maths tests

FRIDAY: testing 14-year-olds in the three core subjects

# THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE PROPE

The words missing from the children's booklets are those printed in bold itelies in your

Time Machine 1 (Levels 1-2)

The professor stood back. He pushed his glasses to the top of his head and sighed. Months and months of hard work were now over. The time machine was finished! All he had to do was to try out his wonderful invention. Would it work? What would happen?

If everything worked according to plan his time machine would take him back in time to any year that he chose. The question was ... when?

Slowly, he reached out to touch the gleaming dial. For the first time in months he began to worry. Until now he had been much too busy working on his invention to think that one day he would actually have to use it!



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ponsored by The Times. Separate books published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office cover English, mathematics and science. Each includes an outline of the assessment process, advice on how to prepare for the tests and an explanation of the marking, as well as sample questions.

The books have been produced by the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, the body responsible for the lests, and are the only ones to contain the actual questions. They are designed to help parents to work with their children in the runup to next term's exercise marking the end of primary

schooling.
The character of the tests has not altered significantly since last year, so the 1995 questions remain the most suitable practice material. Teachers have been notified of a limited number of changes to this year's papers. Many schools will be running their own revision classes, but the three books are designed as self-standing study

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# The healing power of art

Robyn Karney on the London hospital that believes sculpture can help patients to recover

t is the biggest natural-ly ventilated atrium in he world, its transparent roof covering an area the size of Harrods; light pours in on a geometric symphony of bright white walls, glass panels and

To the right of the coffee bar you see Allen Jones's Acrobat, a 60ft-high steel sculpture in turquoise and yellow, balancing a huge red ball on his nose — a joyous piece blending harmoniously with its magnifi-

On the left is Sian Tucker's Falling Leaves, a mobile in fairground pastels that enchants the eye as it tumbles the length of five full storeys; take the glass elevator to the top of the building enjoying a comu-copia of art works as you ride, and appreciate three silk banners designed by Patrick Heron, unfurling to a drop of over 50ft.

A new extension to the Tate Gallery? No. This is the £206 million Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. opened in 1993 and the flagship of the NHS's Art for Health movement that, since 1988, has been encouraging the creation of attractive surroundings.

James Scott, an art-loving orthopaedic surgeon, is convinced that an art-rich environment is conducive to patient wellbeing. Mr Scott says: "So far, it hasn't proved possible to hold controlled clinical trials about the effect of art on ill people. There are too many variables to make scientifically based statistics reliable, although the Americans are trying. But medical staff here, and elsewhere, share my conviction that the arts in the hospital have transformed the atmosphere.

Raising sponsorship is a struggle for Susan Loppert, the arts co-ordinator who attempts to coax those with well-lined pockets in the cause of Art for Health.

"Sceptics can't under-

that not only has every work of art been privately funded ... but that the money spent on pictures would not have been available for beds." A South African-born art

stand why we spend money

on pictures when we need

beds. We have to explain

historian who has worked for Sotheby's, she first saw C&W shortly after it opened. Picked from 300 applicants, she works with Mr Scott, who chairs the art selection committee.

The huge acreage of space still to be filled is a curator's dream, but with a £25,000 framing bill annually, this could be a lifetime's work. Ms Loppert has set an annual target of £100,000 as the bare operat-

Hopes for an easier year have been boosted by a nomination for the National Art Collections Fund prize, awarded for "an outstanding contribution to the presentation of the visual arts in the United King-dom". The shortlisting is an acknowledgement of the C&W's achievements, but the prize (to be awarded tomorrow) carries the more palpable benefit of £15,000.

undreds of letters from former pa tients and their families are evidence that Art for Health at C&W is a "thumping success", say Mr Scott. "I can best describe what we've done here as something that drips into the culture," he says. "I've watched the reaction of patients and the involvement of staff. When people come here, despite the implications of a hospital, they actually find it uplifting, and we've noticed that recuperating patients are more alert to their surroundings, much more responsive than in days of bleak wards, when there wasn't much reason for anyone to open their eyes. All I can say is, my patients are getting better quicker."

Raising fertility hopes



Donna Gordon with her baby Elliot, born last September after a revolutionary fertility treatment

Donna Gordon feared she might not have another child; but her consultant had heard of a new treatment. Amanda Loose reports

hen Donna Gordon suffered her second miscarriage in 12 months, she began to feel that "maybe it was not meant to be", and that she and her second husband should carry on as they were. She had a daughter from her first marriage, now aged 12. but her husband was childless and the couple very much wanted to have a child together. The news that couples must wait for at least two years before being eligible for diagnostic treatment

enhanced their grief.

Donna tried for five years to become pregnant, and in November 1993 asked her GP to refer her to a local fertility clinic. In March 1994 she saw a consultant at her local hospital, and had three exploratory operations the follow-ing June which revealed that her fallopian tubes were obstructed. An Xray showed that the tubes were blocked where they joined the uterus. This meant they could not be cleared

surgically, as that would have involved cutting away part of Donna's organs as well, and it seemed that in vitro fertilisation (IVF) was the only treatment available. Donna and her husband.

who owns a security company, would have done any-thing to have a baby and were prepared to give up their family holidays to America to be able to afford IVF, which costs on average

But Donna's consultant had heard of an innovative treatment called standardised selective salpingography (SSS), which was being offered by Masoud Afnan, a consultant gynaecologist at Birmingham Maternity Hospital, after he had encountered it in the United States four years ago. Very little was known then about this treatment by Donna's doctors, which Mr Aman describes as "a very safe, simple, quick technique which takes a few minutes to do, and requires no operation".

It is now available on the NHS and is being used increasingly by radiologists and gynaecologists. "Only a few doctors have gone far down the line of using this treatment wholesale, but I predict that within 12 months we will see a big explosion of its use," says Mr Afnan, who has already used SSS to treat 30 women in Britain, with a success rate of

Tim Hedgley, chairman of the National Fertility Association, Issue, says there are 600,000 infertile couples in the United Kingdom, of which 90,000 cases are due to tubal blockages. Patients such as Donna Gordon would conventionally be referred either to an IVF clinic or for micro-surgery to remove any blockages.

IVF can be both costly and slow; one course of treatment takes ten weeks and there is an average waiting time of two years. Micro-surgery, a laparotomy, involves a week in hospital and a convalescence of six weeks, with a waiting period of up to two years for treatment on the NHS.

But SSS is not effective in every case. only when the fallopian tubes are blocked where they join the uterus. Out of the 90,000 cases of infertility caused by tubal obstructions, 10,000 may be helped by the procedure.

This treatment combines the use of a diagnostic X-ray, a hysterosalpingogram, in which a dye is passed through the uterine cavity into the fallopian tubes to highlight obstructions, with catheterisation. The revolutionary use of tubal catheters enables guide wires and catheters to be passed through the vagina and cervix.

Because the catheter tip. fits snugly into the tubal ostium, dye can be injected 'It is very under high pressure and any debris in the tube can be. safe and cleared," explains Mr 🌓 simple,

SSS is performed while the patient is awake and is a 30-minute procedure, which uses diagnosis as a form of immediate treatment. The advantages are clear. SSS is both quicker and cheaper than alternative treatments, involving no anaesthetic or

waiting time between diagnosis and

and takes

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minutes'

treatment. Donna saw Mr Afnan at the end of October 1994. Although she felt that they would have to resort to IVF, his optimism encouraged her, and she went ahead with the treatment on November 12, at a cost of £500.

he did not need painkillers, feeling only a slightly uncomfortable sensation and being "aware of someone prodding her inside". During the procedure she could see what happened on the X-ray screen, and knew when she saw the dye rush through her fallopian tubes that the treatment had been successful.

On the same day, Donna felt well enough to go shopping and to drive from Birmingham to her grandfather's eightieth birnday party in London. Mr Ainan asked her to visit him in the months, but by the end of December she was "enjoying being pregnant" and suffering from short bouts of "evening sickness". Elliot was born in September last year, and his parents are still

# Genes shed light on lupus

sions in the past fortnight, I have been entertained by longstanding friends who have made a good recovery from a dis-abling attack of systemic lupus erythematosus, more usually known either as lupus

A couple of years ago, both people had been seriously ill. laid low mentally as well as physically. Neither would have survived if they had had this disease as severely as they did. 40 years ago. In ail probability they would have died, possibly undiagnosed, in a psychiatric unit.

These two sufferers are not typical of the usual patient with SLE, which characteristically attacks younger people in 90 per cent of cases women - and may even affect children. It is usual to say that SLE is of unknown aetiology. which means that doctors do not know why certain people develop it. But recent research suggests that there is a strong genetic component to its incidence, with at least five different genes being involved.

t is known that SLE is one of the auto-immune diseases in which the body's defence mechanisms, properly deployed against marauding viruses, bacteria or malignant cells, attack its own healthy cells just as if they were an invading agent. The result is the development of an inflammatory process which, by affecting a wide variety of organs, causes symptoms so diverse that diagnosis is frequently delayed; as it was in the case of Britain's best known victim in recent years, Hugh Gaitskell. the late Labour Party leader.

Doctors are now more familiar with SLE and, in consequence, it is being diagnosed earlier and more fre-

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As knowledge of this mysterious condition has increased, so has the rate of diagnosis and recovery

quently; in some places it is now as common as another theums-

connective tissue toid artifritis. SLE may start acutely, with such sudden onset and

that patients think that they have caught an infection. More often the signs and symptoms of SLE begin gradually; in 90 per cent of cases the patient has joint pains,

which often precede any other indications of the disease. A red raised rash is frequently present, which classically attacks the face over the bridge of the nose, the forehead and the cheekbones. Frequently there is recurrent pleurisy



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the kidneys and the central nervous system. The latter may symptoms ranging from headaches and mild personality changes to severe paranoia and other delusions. The triad of symptoms of arthritis, facial rash and kidney disease should always

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The most serious

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Early diagnosis of kidney involvement has resulted in a much better outcome as treatment can be given in time

cause suspicion.

to limit permanent damage. Mild cases of SLE may need no more treatment than careful monitoring together with aspirin or other antiinflammatory drugs. Moderately severe cases need treatment with drugs which would include hydroxychloroquine, or one of the other drugs more often used to treat malaria. Serious cases in which the patient is gravely ill, or the nervous or renal system is affected, require immediate steroid therapy.

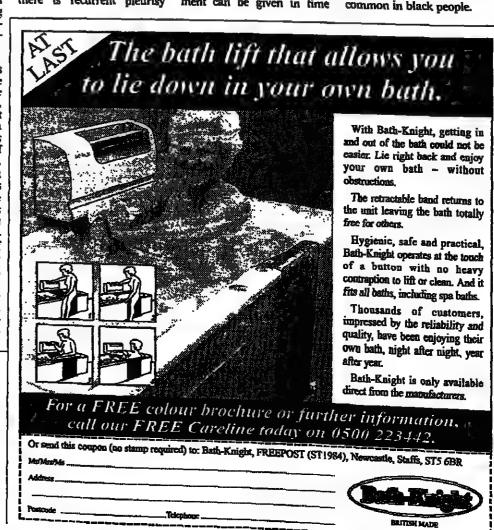
Recent research from Cornell University, New York, published in The Journal of Clinical Investigation, suggests that a specific gene may determine whether SLE is likely to be severe and attack the kidneys. This gene is found more often in black than white races and may account for the racial differences in both the frequency and the severity of the disease - which is three times more common in black people.

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HEALTHCARE OR ALTERNATIVELY FILL IN AND SEND





An early McDonald's restaurant at San Bernadino, California, photographed in 1955. Soon afterwards "ham" (from Hamburg) got lost, and the more descriptive "beef" crept in

# Who invented burgers?

he yellow M of the McDonald's hamburger chain is the most widely recog-nised symbol in the world. including the cross. But walk under it this week, and you will not walk out with a Big Mac in your hand.

For McDonald's has temporarily ceased production. In most revolutionary McMarketing tactic since the opening of the first Moscow outles, it plans to flush out every last fleck of stigmatised British beef from its kitchens. again on Thursday, but the damage may already be done. The twilight of the Age of the

And what an age it was.

Burger seems to be upon us. For some, the hamburger was a symbol of democratic hope from Red Square to Peking. For others, it was a

ism. But whichever side of the bun you buttered, it was always more than a mere sandwich.

Its origins lie in a German sausage named after the city whose burghers first fell for its simple charms. But the concept of a small cake of minced beef is a venerable one possibly even enjoyed by the Ancient Sumerians, who partook of the flesh of cows as long as 4,500 years ago. But the version that has conquered the world is a phenomenon of the late 19th century.

Hamburg began their emigra-tion to America in the 1880s. their flat sausage, convenient to package for the journey travelled with them.

In 1889, a Washington newspaper coined the word hamburger, and when thousands of them were consumed at the weapon of American imperial- St Louis World's Fair of 1904.



Real 1970s men eat burgers

the humble snack rocketed to national prominence. It has also been suggested that Henry Ford's production lines e the burger a boost, with the need for a one-handed meal that workers could eat at

their post. The emergence of chain restaurants after the First World War established America's favourite meal, but the defining moment in the hamburger's, if not America's, history came in 1940 with the

first McDonald's. At this point, the identity of the hamburger seemed relatively secure. But when the root ham became isolated from the rest of the word, the beefburger was born - supposedly a synonym for hamburger, but usually an inferior manifestation. Confusion has been rife ever since.

A caller to Radio 4's Call Nick Ross recently expressed outrage that Burger King was claiming to use more beef than McDonald's. They are all deceiving us," she cried. "I always believed that they used 100 per cent ham."

For the cultural role of the hamburger in Britainhas always been nebulous. Its first arrival on these shores, for example, seems to be an undatable event. If the Romans were eating them, then they were certainly using Brit-

Giles Coren charts the rise and fall of the meat pattie-in-a-bun, from Hamburg to Peking via William the Conqueror

the confusions of the American

Justice Stevenson was telling

the High Court of the "mys-

tique and art" which went into

the preparation of a hamburg-

er. In the case, a London

restaurant was banned from

because the representation was fraudulent. The prosecut-

ing barrister fell on rocky

ground when he admitted to

the judge that he understood

ham was not involved in the

recipe but had never eaten one

himself. "Are you qualified,

then, to present the case?"

asked the judge.

If barristers and wealthy

likely to have eaten hamburg-

ers than their recent ancestors,

they are by no means forgiv-

ing when it comes to the

consumption of burgers in

their own backyards. Pukka

anti-burger campaigners were distraught when McDonald's

beat the luvvies of Hampstead

after a ten-year battle, and

erected the yellow letter in the

suburb of poets and painters.

Britain who has not eaten a

hamburger from a fast food joint. The speed and simplicity of the meal, not to mention the

feeling of gastric regret that

comes five minutes later, has

made it a symbol of the

modern human condition in

the West - at least in countries

like Britain and America.

where food has come to be

regarded as a cheap fuel that

deserves to have no time or

McDonald's itself has be-

come a consolation prize: full

of divorced fathers who can

think of nothing better to do with their children on rainy

consideration devoted to it

There is surely no one left in

But as recently as 1962, a Mr

ish beef, which was exported in vast quantities to the Continent. But the Britons, and later the Anglo-Saxons, stood fast against this fancy foreign fad, and stuck with their pork and

It was William the Conqueror who paved the way for marauding hordes. The Norman preference for beef establishing it by the late 13th century as Britain's favourite meat. The means may have been sequestration of land, rather than Happy Meal promotions, but fashion, then as now, went where the money

In 1861 Mrs Beeton gave a recipe for minced collops garnished with toasted bread slices

The word mincemeat first appeared in the 17th century, and in 1871 Edward Lear's owl and pussycat were putting the romantic seal on their elopement when they "dined on mince and slices of quince" what would now be called quinceburgers".

And in 1861, Mrs Beeton had offered a recipe for "minced nish with snippets of toasted bread". So the concept should have been deep-rooted enough in British cuisine to cope with

pentium

Sunday afternoons, and teenagers with baggy jeans and bad haircuts who can think of nothing better to do, ever.

But even they may now desert it. Harry and Wills were once Big Mac fans, but Zara Phillips is a convert to venison burgers. Indeed 49 per cent of the fast-food market is aged between 16 and 24, the segment most likely to take heed of a scare. And even football fans are not too tough for BSE: at Stamford Bridge on Saturday, Chelsea fans were being assured that the per cent pork and chicken". A significant response, which might even have been true.

For all the speediness of McDonald's response - and after all it is on speed that its empire is founded - it could be that customers of the future will be returning to the ways of their pre-Norman forebears.

# In a world where the point is just to talk

Stafford Mortimer works among the homeless and the vulnerable

CARS ARE bumper to bumper in city centres and passengers pour off trains and buses as the clock edges towards the start of another working day.

For a dozen people at a Victorian house in St Albans. Hertfordshire, the imminence of the hour signals a different kind of watershed: soon they must go out to wander the streets, coat collars turned up against the wind. Residents at the Open Door night shelter for the homeless must leave by 9am.

Meanwhile, in a convert-ed church elsewhere in the city, community workers are preparing to open the doors of a day centre for people

health problems and 'I ask when learning difficulties. The "users" - a suitably neutral — either term live "in the community" (shared local authority

reply' church committee runs the day centre with social services grants, and employs two cheerful, unflappable organisers, Christine and Mary, who are backed by a rota of 25 volunteers. Given a month's sabbatical from The Times, 1 have joined the workers at both these

projects, and a youth club. The rush bour is well past by the time the daycentre users arrive to take their places in the lounge's circle of armchairs. I join them because, in a reversal of my normal experience, the inconsequential chatter that cements a day at the office here becomes the work itself. My job is to help to spin a web of conversation, a net of words in which to capture a user's sense of identity: I chat, therefore I am.

i nere 18 a rans and mental abilities, so responses vary from lively banter to repetitive phrases or silent nods. The hardest sessions are those devoted to the elderly mentally infirm, surviving on the husks of their personalities. Elaine sits outside the

circle endlessly cutting out pictures from magazines. A scarlet lingernail taps an advertisement for a garish souvenir plate: "Will you cut round that for me? I like dogs." As I comply she mentions her children and I ask if her husband is alive. No. she says. I ask when he died; her eyes fill with tears but she makes no reply.

Games are another way to stimulate mental responses, and one morning Mary hands round hats from a box. We pretend to be passengers on an ex-press to Scotland and, taking our cue from the hats. we invent characters for ourselves and reasons for

> the border. I am given a basebali cap labelled The Boss" and adorned with a

he died; brown felt cigar clamped betears fill her tween red felt eyes but she lips. I feel rather sûly but there is makes no for status. We dress up for the

spiritually naked into the work, unprotected by a deep desk or a pretentious title.

Keeping alive the flicker-ing flame of personality is an end in itself. For most of the centre's users there is little hope of mental improvement, and certainly no return to full faculties. Our efforts make sense only if people are valued restricted their abilities.

Money for these facilities is a constant worry as community workers struggle on modest salaries and tiny budgets. The day centre's annual income is £6,000 short of its needs. Last year it sold for £8,000 the car used to fetch clients.

My sabbatical over, I go back to work but expect to return. As a volunteer, of Who Knows 25 per cent of us experience mental problems at some point in our lives, 20 per cent of over-80s suffer from senile dementia and, according to official figures. 365,000 of us are homeless. · All the names have been







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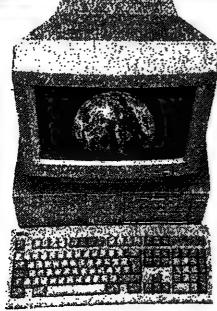
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# Why Kohl is not a **Bismarck**

Roger Boyes calls time on the

German Chancellor's vision

ortune smiles on Hel-mut Kohl. Europe's great survivor, its dominant personality, has in the critical week of the intergovernmental conference been given support by the German voters. Three crucial regional elections showed important gains for his Christian Democratic Party. European mone-tary union failed to set the voters on fire.

But it would be wrong to assume that Herr Kohl is now free of all domestic restraints, that he can rumble, full throttle, towards Turin and a federal Europe. Germans are conservative voters — that much is clear from their voting resoundingly against any kind of Social Democrat or Green formation - and they are beginning to have conservative expectations of Europe.A poll published by Focus magazine shows that 34 per cent of Germans believe they are not getting good value out of Europe. (The British findings are similar. 44 per cent are dissatisfied.) There are increasing demands for lower German contributions to the European budget, for tighter controls on spending, for less wastage. These matters probably outweigh the federal pro-

gramme. All opinion sampling shows a strong lack of German interest in or knowledge about European foreign policy and the mechanics of decisionmaking in Brussels.

focused too narrowly on The Chancellor. Europe whose passion for meat has been duly chronicled in a bestselling

Helmut

Kohl has

cook-book, is therefore under pressure to make an issue out of British beef. Ordinary Germans see no reason why they should help to compensate British farmers for the culling of herds. The Germans have been sounding the BSE alarm for more than two years, and consier the British Government to have been stubborn. Diseased cows, rather than weighted voting, are what moves the people. On the other great populist issue, the single currency, Herr Kohl is plainly on the losing side. Germans abandoning the mark. This is a basic anxiety. The strong mark is modern Germany's answer to the chaos of the prewar Weimar Republic. No amount of federalist propaganda is going to turn public opinion on this.

Herr Kohl tried at first to trump fear of losing the mark with the greater fear of a continental war. It did not wash. Now he is claiming that to delay monetary union would cost Germany hundreds of thousands of jobs. That has not impressed the president of the Bundesbank. Hans Tietmever, who does not see a connection, and believes there is no "economic necessity" for a monetary union. Germans tend to agree.

All of this pushes Herr Kohi into increasingly populist postures, to divert the voters' gaze from monetary union. Germany will become more assertive in the need for a European police force, and the Chancellor can be expected to make stirring speeches about cross-border crime and the continent.

East European gangs that steal BMWs. He will press hard on Europe-wide consum-

If this does not exactly smack of Bismarck, it was always an illusion to think of Herr Kohl in those terms. He was, is and will always be a provincial politician who slaps backs, promotes favourites and dispenses favours. These methods have kept him in power for almost 14 years, and for a while they also gave him

In the 1980s, he made telephone alliances with socialists such as Mitterrand and González, are pig's knuckle with Gorbachev and Yeltsin, cracked booming golf club jokes with George Bush, His telephone, rather than the German Army, has put the country back at the forefront of Europe, and for that we should be grateful. But he remains a man of provincial taste and methods; his fabled intuition boils down to good party organisation. Today. these webs of influence have all but collapsed. He has no real friend on the world stage. President Clinton is on the campaign trail; Yeltsin is manifestly unreliable; again and

again President Chirac fails to consult his supposed friend across

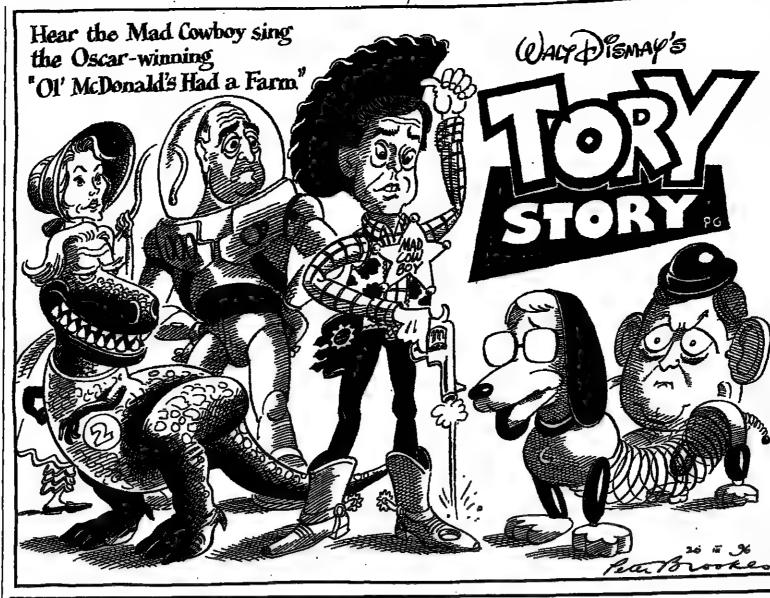
the Rhine. Helmut Kohl was looking bigger than ever yesterday, redfaced and chuckling in a way that shakes his whole body like a blancmange. But a closer look reveals a vulnerable and

isolated man. The federal dream is fading fast. The mood is shifting at home (and not just in the glass towers of Bundesbank). The problem is largely one of his own making. He has focused too narrowly on Europe and on monetary union, which he views as his destined last task. As a result, he has lost his grasp of economic management, and this oversight threatens to sweep away the European blueprint.

Tith an unbalanced \ budget, unemploya post-war high of 4.5 million. and trademark companies going bankrupt, Germany is wracked with pessimism.
Kohl appears to lack the dynamism needed to overhaul the social welfare system or shake up a hidebound economy.

Instead there is only bluster. His open-ended news conferences, once almost operatic occasions, have become embarrassing. He rambles, loses concentration. Only the sycophantic laughter of the press corps sustains the illusion that he is still on the ball.

Within the Chancellery. Herr Kohl has become more bullying and irascible. He has always been capable of rude-ness: a recent biography recalls him telling his right-hand man, Wolfgang Schäuble, who is confined to a wheelchair, to "stay seated". Now, if anything, he has become cruder and more impatient. His aides are exhausted. There is a sense that time is running out for the Chancellor and his vision of a united



# Give anoraks a break

Hobbies and amiable clubs are among Britain's glories. They deserve tax help

wake up in the wrong bed. I have not got over the nasty shock of finding myself siding with Peter Lilley against Nigel Hawthorne. But however often I pick it up and shake it, I cannot see why unemployed activities. A Sports Council representa-tive then stuck an oar in by piously saying that VAT exemption should ors should get the dole and maternity encourage people in "acquiring physpay while remaining eligible to claim deductions ("wardrobe, hairdressing, ical skills and undertaking physical effort" — as if there were no skill taxis") as if they were self-employed.

It just isn't fair. Writers and artists in training, feeding and handling birds, and no physical effort in claim Schedule D perks, because if a cleaning them out. Let alone climbing up on the loft roof with a handwriter or illustrator doesn't work, the money stops. That familiar fact of life ful of corn to get a stroppy one down so you can pop its ring into the timehas led to many of us scribbling desperately in a succession of hospital clock. Bitterly, senior pigeon spokes-men said that it was unfair for beds, maternity and otherwise; not to mention taking embarrassingly Vatmen and Sports Council to recog-

The problem with trying to judge situations on their own

merits is that sometimes you

crummy commissions. I fear that (gulp!) the tight-lipped and cheese-paring Mr Lilley is right: if you join an oversubscribed profession, you need a sideline. Plenty of actors know it too and many fine deporating into

it too, and many fine decorating jobs are done by artistes fresh from a tri-

umphant northern tour as the Wins-

low Boy's big brother. All the same, their fiery arguments eventually

dented my powers of logic so much

that if I were the Social Services Sec-

their special break for five years after

college and ten years before pension-

able age: then they need only spend

Even so, after this unwonted lapse

into chilly fiscal conservatism it was

a relief to feel the red blood of

spendthrift passion coursing back into my veins again: which it did, the

very next day, over the matter of

pigeon racing.
Customs and Excise have told

pigeon clubs that they are not

engaged in a sport and therefore do

not qualify for the new VAT exemp-

tion which has been a windfall for

yachtsmen and yogis, karate groups

and majorettes, who have claimed back thousands in refunds on past

subscriptions and built whole huts

with it. It is a significant perk.

Moreover, the VAT tribunal added

insult to injury by telling the pigeon

clubs that they are not sportsmen

because the pigeons do all the work

"The activities of the owner", it said,

"are purely incidental." (I should be

very careful, if I were them: this line

of argument could lead to the conclu-

sion that since workers generate

profit, the activities of the Chancellor

of the Exchequer are "purely inciden-

25 years in the real world.

nise yoga ("sitting around in awk-ward positions"), pool ("drinking immense amounts of beer"), and angling They just sit there holding a stick over a bit of water"). They could have added motorsports - a contradiction in terms — and even

involves a lot of sitting down. This newspaper, the heart of which is sometimes to be found in the right place, printed a stirring leader in defence of pigeon-racing on the ground that it is an art going back to the fifth Egyptian dynasty. A good start: but even that relied too much on decrying other activities as mere pastimes to be "lumped with Poohsticks, tiddlywinks or table football".

This is quite the wrong angle of attack. The more pastimes we have the better. For never mind the sweaty values of the Sports Council: any physical danger we may be in is nothing next to the fatty degeneration of the national psyche. We watch too much television, go out too little. A survey in Birmingham has revealed that most people's favourite hobby is "shopping". If this is not a national emergency. I do not know what is.

For there is a great, half-hidden, wonderful culture of pastimes in Britain. It is one of the best things about us, and if it declines God help us. A decade ago, researching a book on Britain at play. I immersed myself in such worlds as pigeon-racing. steam-engine restoration, canal-digging, ballooning, canary-fancying, angling, husky-dog racing with

wheeled carts, and Octopush. Octopush? You know, underwater hockey, played on the floor of municipal swimming pools. The big hazard, they tell me, is surfacing breathless to find that your snorke is stuck into the midriff of a swimmer overhead, and "sucking hopelessly at his great fat gut when what you need is air." I saw such strange sights as the release of a thousand circling pigeons from a lorry at dawn (998 eventually flew the right way, the other two didn't). I watched a flurry of home-made hovercraft, ap-parently powered by bolted-on dust-

bins, flinging them-selves across a lake like so many jerrybuilt UFOs. I was fortunate

in my contacts, having one brother who regularly parachuted in a gorilla-suit (with sponsorship from the Milk Marthey drank a glass of milk with histrionic relish on landing) and another

who combined morris dancing with a passion for a terrible thing called a Cossack, a USSR sidecar outfit with a headlight the size of a prize pumpkin and Cyrillic instructions hammered into the fuel-tank. "Designed for crossing Poland without permission," he would say lovingly. "Explains why the Poles keep so cheerful: must be hilarious, watching a Russian trying to start one of these things." Indeed, reading the owners' magazine I found that out of 15 articles, only five dealt with Cossacks which actually moved. The rest were about tappet adjustment and rebuilding carburettors. They had rallies and compared the linkage of their

steering-damper knobs. Meanwhile, the pigeon men discussed ways to put fake eyes on pigeon-wings to deter kestrels, the amateur canal navvies saved up twoand-a-half thousand books of Green Shield Stamps for a new excavator (true!) and the balloonists tossed coins for the role of "Cremation Charlie". This is the person who sits inside the deflated balloon, right up the far end, to hold it down for

the first half of inflation while the

salt cellars, cutlery and gobiets.

After having out into St. James's

to bray about their coup, the bloods

others direct the first jets of flame into

its opening.

My book was the happiest of projects, and gave me a lifelong respect for hobbies: things done not for money nor for any cause (certainly not the craven pursuit of "fitness"). out for their own sake, out of love and fascination. My heart always sinks when people feel they have to justify their amusements as conservation, or a sponsored charity event, or a training module, or part of a fitness programme. It is such a timid, anxious way to live: a denial of fun.

adly, it is encouraged by the opinion-forming metropoli-tan class which derides "ano-raks" and "trainspotters". Apart from a few bland universals such as cooking and gardening, and such chic predilections as equestr-ianism and skiing, it is smart to sneer at hobbies. It is more acceptable to be a passive consumer of culture, visiting galleries and cinemas and buying OK books, than to out on an amateur musical or spend a thousand hours building a working model of a steam roundabout. Perversely, we have more respect for people who bang on about the cultural significance of expert on the genetics of budgerigars. In drama and novels, hobbies are treated as jokes or unhealthy obsessions; a rare exception is Nevil Shute, who accords proper honour, in Trustee from the Toolroom, to the dogged perfectionism of his meek hero, who manages to cross half the world and reclaim a child's lost inheritance purely because all over the globe there are subscribers to the "Miniature Mechanic" magazine who have read his column and revere him for his tips on bevelled piston-

So it does not matter a damn whether pigeon-racing is a sport or not. The very word sport has grown disreputable. Pigeon fanciers deserve their VAT exemption because they are skilled and diligent and devoted to something for its own sake, and because they share their enthusiasm in amiable clubs. The only hope lies in direct appeal to John Major. He always strikes me as a man who, if he were not Prime Minister, would have a little workshop to potter in. He must see, surely, that if you want a Britain at ease with itself you must encourage it to have hobbies? Take the money away from the actors and give it to the anoraks, I say.

# Resist . the herd instinct

What is this life

without risk, asks

**Woodrow Wyatt** 

here is a burgeoning belief that it is the Government's duty to extend indefinitely our expectation of life and to protect us from risk on the way. An occasional failure of. say, the NHS to prolong a life in unusual circumstances is reported as due to its inefficiency or underfunding. Deaths from new sources of risk are blazoned as avoidable if the Government had acted in time. The conviction that the Government is liable is augmented by Euro-legisla-tion on health and safety regulations. Backed by legal aid, an avalanche of gargantuan claims will soon fall on Whitehall unless we declare an opt-out. Public feeling is quickly roused and fuelled by rapid communications and by the ill-considered instant opinions of politicians, commenta-tors and self-proclaimed experts who are able to get themselves on the air. According to the Ministry of Transport, there are some 3,650 deaths a year from road accidents in Great Britain. The risk factor is there fore one in about 6,600. Probably it could be halved if the speed limit on motorways were cut to 50 mph and on all other roads to 20 mph. But the Government knows there would be an outcry at such measures. The risk of death from taking contracep-tive pills is around one in 50,000, and although the Department of Health has no accurate figures for the numerous deaths caused by wayward effects of vaccinations, no one suggests abolishing either because of

Banning marginally risky prod-ucts frequently has unintended con-sequences. The late Lord Rothschild, in his remarkable lecture "Risk" in 1978, cited the banning of DDT by Sri Lanka in the early 1960s, induced by an emotional book, Silent Spring by Rachel Carson. Sri Lanka endured a virulent epidemic of malaria spread by mosquitoes, which could have been eliminated by DDT.

spirins must be in containers which children cannot open. A which children cannot open.

Nor can old people with arthritis, who may suffer agony until help, not always readily available, arrives. The new finding that alcohol can be good for you may have the unintended consequence of creating more alcoholics destined to die of drink -- more scope for suing the Government. Flight from risk is a fantasy. There is no refuge from the 18,000 or so annual deaths from influenza. There is no way of preventing the thousands of suicides (though the Government has a "target" for reducing them). A general law against handguns would not deter the one-off killer, who could easily acquire weapons illegally.

Mass panic is quickly communicable. Hence the unnecessary destruction of eggs and hens initiated by Edwina Currie when she started the salmonella scare. Millions were destroyed, even though very few humans were dying from salmonella. or die from it now: yet the living conditions of battery hens have scarcely improved. Shrewd financiers such as Bernard Baruch, Sir James Goldsmith and George Soros make fortunes by selling out when they foresee a herd of investors about to succumb to hysteria leading to a stockmarket crash, and then buying back shares when they are cheap.

It is not proven that any human being has died from "mad cow" disease. But suppose that it could be shown that BSE was responsible for 100 deaths. As it is generally agreed that since 1989 any danger has been eliminated, other than for cattle born before that date, the risk of infection is infinitely less than your chance of winning the National Lottery. The disease may be horrible for the sufferers and their relatives, but the risk is too small to justify the destruction of the cattle industry. The billions required in compensation. and the delay of at least two years in creating a new market, would mean the end of traditional British beef farming, with severe damage to the economy for ten years or more.

ere I an Opposition leader, I would be termonal Y that the health of the people is paramount, and never mind the economic fallout from destroying cattle, and now perhaps sheep, which would stymie tax cuts attractive to voters. Were I in government, I would do nothing drastic, however popular tough immediate action might be, but wait until clearer scientific evidence becomes available. In his lecture, Lord Rothschild acidly commented: "I do not denigrate politicians or their decisions by saying that, with very few exceptions. they are motivated by considerations of personal power, winning elections and the national good, in that order." As a distinguished scientist, he was ment of risk to the judgment of politicians".

But scientists may be as inclined as politicians to parade differing pet theories, unless and until contrary evidence emerges. What is needed on such occasions is a cool, commonsense approach to what scientists and experts" say. Few things turn out as bad or as black-and-white as they seem at first. Meanwhile, I propose to buy fillets of British beef, the best in P·H·S the world, to put in the deep freeze while they are still cheap.

# Sauerkraut?

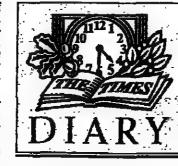
THE POLITICS of British beef have invaded the football pitch. The Germans, who boast an oversized, offal-scoffing Chancellor, say their football team will be bringing its own beef supplies for the European soccer championships in June.

The team's cook, Fritz Westermann, says he has discovered a Bavarian butcher who can guarantee the quality of his meat and will fly it into Britain throughout the three-week tournament. The squad and its officials will be eating 901b of meat a day.

"It is not just a matter of the meat, it's sausages as well," Westermann tells me from his kitchen. And ham, milk, cheese and yoghurt. All the other teams in Euro 96 will be hit by this. We are not going to take any risks - even the Bolognese sauces for our pasta are made from pure beef.

"I know some people laugh at me for being so fussy. But experts knew before about the danger of the beef in Britain. The extent of it, however, has upset my stomach.\*

As England were preparing for their friendly game against Bulgaria at Wembley tomorrow night, the Football Association was dis-



playing a healthy Dunkirk spirit. Scotch beef is still on the menu for England.

● Auberon Waugh, the wine-bibbing editor of the Literary Review, is bracing himself for a spell in the Tower of London. In the forthcoming issue of his organ he prints a review of The Housekeeper's Diarv: Charles & Di Before the Break-Up, detailing much of the content of the seedy work, which is banned

## Cake stand

EVEN in the gilded lives of the philanthropist Vivien Duffield and

her escort. Sir Jocelyn Stevens, the sleek chairman of English Heritage, tonight is a big night. It is Mrs Duffield's 50th birthday, and Sir Jocelyn has organised a thrash for her in Greenwich. It will be no

sausage-on-sticks affair.
The highlight, I understand, is to be a model cake created by a firm of prop-makers in Hackney. The fake cake is in the shape of the Royal Opera House (of which Mrs Duffield is a director), with the planned modern accretions to the building tacked on. Musical instruments are said to adorn the sides, together with graven images of Mrs Duffield herself.

# Mooing on

YESTERDAY'S announcement that the Government will not countenance the slaughter of elderly cattle brought a welcome, if temporary reprieve for the Pamela Anderson of the cow world.

Grantchester Heather 8 is the most valuable cow in the country, having sold for a record £54,000 four years ago. She may be past her prime now, but in her heyday she was the toast of the Royal Show and other bovine beauty parades.

Cleaning out her palatial barn yesterday, her Shropshire owner. Peter Draper, was phlegmatic. "Let's just wait and see what happens," he muttered darkly, before returning to his frenzied work with

# Knife's work

SILVER has been disappearing from the conservative Carlton Club. A recent dinner held there by an Oxford University dining society ended with undergraduate light-fingers clearing their table of

formed a "conga", led by a stubbly Italian of gypsy extraction, which snaked off to Black's nightclub in Soho. There they started to hand out spoons and forks to baffled waitresses, advising them to "sell 'em and buy something lacy". The waitresses suspected the

gifts and handed them back, and as night turned skull-achingly to day, remorse overtook the villains.



Prize beef: what price now for Grantchester Heather 8?

A few days later, a shambling figure rolled into the Carlton and left a brown paper-bag full of silver at the front desk, then scampered like a startled tapir up Piccadilly.

 The soapbox on which the Prime Minister stood to speak to the nation during the last general election is to be dusted off and brought out again. When John Major met prospective parliamentary candidates on Saturday in Bristol, he let slip during questions and answers that he planned to bring out "many" soapboxes for the forthcoming campaign.

# Trumped

THE PRINCESS OF WALES turns out to share some genes with an earlier Queen of Hearts. One of her forebears, Elizabeth,

daughter of James I, was so-called because of her enchanting manners, radiant visage and beautiful. big eyes. Shopping expeditions in the Strand won her the affection of the common people, as did her love for her husband, Frederick V, King of Bohemia. He was a handsome, athletic chap, but prone to indecisiveness and bouts of depression.

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# WHERE'S THE BEEF?

Science is no substitute for judgment

A risk is a risk but how small is small? The Health Secretary, Stephen Dorrell, presented the House of Commons with a great weight of scientific opinion yesterday but he failed to answer the question on which the future of British beef hangs.

Service Contraction

Mr Dorrell defined the danger of contracting Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease from beef as "likely" to be "extremely small". No activity was free of risk, he said, and children were at no greater risk than adults. He urged consumers to weigh the risk relative to that of other foods. But how "likely" is it that the risk will remain "extremely small"? Is it a thousand to one on, or simply better than evens? And what is an "extremely small" risk? Is it one in a million, one in ten million or less than the chance of scooping the National Lottery? Until there is a clearer lead, many consumers will not buy beef because they fear that when it comes to contracting CJD - it could be them.

Mr Dorrell was at pains to emphasise he was acting in accordance with "the science". He was hoping that those white-coated men. associated with certainty and insulated from error, would calm irrational public conaggregate of the informed opinions of imperfect seekers after elusive truth. The whole unhappy story of BSE, its discovery, the downplaying of danger, the revision of risk and the changes in regulation, demonstrates how "science" can be as fallible as any human enterprise, farming for example.

The report of the Government's Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee deals throughout with probability and likelihood rather than proof and evidence. It suggests that the ten new CJD cases are likely to have developed in human beings exposed to BSE but confirms that no definite causal relationship has yet been established. This is not to fault the scientists; they acknowledge explicitly that they cannot come to firm conclusions because they are hampered by lack of data. Rather, the responsibility rests with politicians. They have been found wanting.

Last Wednesday's statement from Mr Dorrell set off a panic. Ministers were left flat-footed. From the first suggestion of an increase in risk the most lurid forecasts were legitimised. Those steps prudently taken since 1989 disappeared under a stampede of speculation. Countries whose record in animal husbandry has not hitherto excited admiration rejoiced in the chance to ban British beef - throughout the world. Their pleasure must have been all the greater with the BSE announcement coming only the day after Britain proclaimed it would embark on a high-minded crusade to improve animal welfare at the Turin inter-governmental conference. A hollow laugh will greet any UK government's attempt to stand up for the beasts of the field now,

On Sunday ministers entertained the prospect of significant slaughter of Britain's cattle stock and hinted that decisions would be made on a surer footing after a weekend's deliberation. Now the cattle cull is off; the only casualty is confidence and, after gathering all its experts together, the Government is no more able to reassure the

public than it was last Wednesday. Calmer heads will probably conclude that eating British beef is not an act of conspicuous gallantry - the risk less than the occasional cigarette or an outing on the nursery slopes - but ministers have hardly acted in a manner designed to reinforce that impression. Even Mr Dorrell's limp endorsement of beef as a school meal was immediately undercut by his suggestion that schools should continue to offer an alternative. Farmers crippled by uncertainty and consumers, anxious for some scale to judge the risk they run when contemplating a roast, have been ill-served. Science is no substitute for judgment and that has been in scarce supply this week.

# THE QUEEN IN POLAND

A welcome trip to a nervous nation

The Queen yesterday began a state visit to Poland, one of Britain's staunchest allies in the Second World War, whose bravery has a righ ful place in British hearts. For too long, this royal acknowledgement of the country's debt to the Poles who fought alongside Poland could enjoy the human rights it was denied during Communist rule.

The symbolism of every gesture will therefore be of vital importance during the short state visit. The sensitivity was underlined by an unseemly flurry over the omission of Auschwitz from the royal programme. Polish and British officials had to make clear that both the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh would pay full homage to the Polish Jews killed by the Nazis; within hours of arrival the Queen was seen talking to Jewish leaders in the centre of Warsaw.

Honouring historic links and the huge contribution to Poles who settled in Britain is relatively easy. Satisfying Poland's expectations of Britain and its West European allies today is more difficult. For Poland has two demands that will be a leitmotif in the speeches and welcomes the Queen will hear: swift entry to the European Union, and the rapid enlargement of Nato to include Poland. The first will be a main theme of the European Union's inter-governmental conference that opens on Friday. The second provoked an outburst from President Yeltsin last week when he met Javier Solana, the Nato Secretary-General, and has surfaced again during the Russian leader's current

visit to Norway. The Queen does not broach political issues except by subtle nuance. Poland will not receive from her a definitive answer to its

two requests. But its leaders should have already realised that Britain, more than most of its EU partners, champions Poland's cause. Britain wants early Polish entry to the EU, and is ready to make the economic sacrifices, especially in agriculture, that support for a genuine market opening. Polish accession, together with that of Hungary and the Czech Republic - where the Oueen will arrive tomorrow - is not only a recognition of that country's rightful place within European culture; it is also the best guarantee at present of Polish security. The same cannot be said for early Nato

membership. The Polish leadership remains to be convinced. It is afraid of the high economic cost - to Polish agriculture, industry and ability to compete - of EU membership, even if a lengthy transition period can be negotiated. The post-Communist leadership of President Kwasniewski, as much as that of Lech Walesa, his more nationalist predecessor, sees Nato as a cheaper and speedier way of calming age-old anxieties about its eastern neighbours. If Russia's Communist-dominated Duma is now demanding the recreation of the old Soviet Union, what is to inhibit future calls for domination again of Eastern Europe?

Britain is loath to rebuff Warsaw and will not agree to a Russian veto. But geography and common sense suggest that to enlarge the alliance in the teeth of deep Russian hostility would be folly. To give security guarantees that were not wholly credible would create less, not more, security for Poland and fellow East European applicants.

# THE SHERIFF STRIKES BACK

But Robin Hood is a legend with legs, in foolproof tights

Nottingham is advertising for a new municipal hero. A consortium of businessmen and busybodies called Nottingham First deems that Robin Hood is oldfashioned, and is inviting suggestions for a new identifying symbol for its city.

It is right to deem that Robin Hood is oldfashioned. For his origins are lost in the ballads of the Dark Ages. His practice of robbing the rich to give to the poor is politically incorrect for all parties, especially new Labour. His chaste love for Maid Marian is chauvinist-patriarchal. His enmity to the rich is medieval class war, and his generosity to underdogs is green-collar populist. Even his skill at archery is suspect.

Yet. after eight centuries Robin remains remarkably durable. He is the only demimythical hero to last so long without a respectable literary godfather. King Arthur, the upper-class British ideal, has been profiled by dozens from Malory and Tennyson to T.S. Eliot and T.H. White. Robin Hood, Arthur's popular counterpart, has no such bard. His companions, from Little John to Much the miller's son, are

lesser stars than Lancelot and Gawain. However, Robin retains his universal vitality in modern books and films. His antiestablishment attitudes make him a popular hero for Hollywood, from Kevin Costner and Douglas Fairbanks to Mel Brooks and a fox in tights in Walt Disney's schmaltzy ox in ugits in voices. Errol Flynn

which swashes were buckled and children's Saturday matinée dreams were made. Richard Greene's version was the first popular success for ITV. And its theme song, Feared by the bad, loved by the good, Robin Hood, Robin Hood, ROBIN HOOD", was even worse than the medieval ballads, though this was a close-sung thing.

Indeed, Nottingham has newer trademarks, from lace to Lady Chatterley dreamt up by the first major English novelist of truly working-class origins. Boots ple has its headquarters there, but toothbrushes and family deodorants are less striking logos than bows and arrows or men in green tights. Center Parcs is certainly the defining place for modern family weekends: but it is not exclusive to Sherwood. Nottingham Forest has a good name as a football team, except when playing against foreign competition. And the Trent rather than the Watford Gap is where the North, demarcated by accent and custom, really starts, just as Nottingham stands at the heart of England, where East Midlands meets West.

But Robin Hood is still a better municipal emblem for it than his successors. Nottingham would be foolish to downsize him and his band of merry men. If it were to be so mad, Yorkshire already has claims on Robin, with his grave, his bow and arrow. Robin Hood's Bay and, not least, the stubborn Yorkshire certainty that it knows best. Nottingham should hang on to Robin Hond for fear of something not half so ennd.

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# BSE and need for new approach to animal husbandry

From Professor Michael A. Crawford

Sir, Oliver Walston ("Swept away on a tide of hysteria", March 23) argues that the blame for the BSE crisis does not lie with government. That cannot be true. The cause of BSE was the naive use of high-protein diets made with animal offal. This was done by the feed manufacturers and allowed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. But the blame is not of this Government alone.

After the war the ministry turned the focus of food production from nutritional quality to quantity. The cri-teria for animal production became weight gain, at low cost and high profitability. The animal-fat content of the nation's diet rose steadily, as did mortality from heart disease.

One might blame the farmers for accepting the principle of cannibalism by feeding ruminant brains and other organs back to ruminants. Knowing that there was scrapie in the sheep population, the risk should have been

recognised.

When BSE broke in the mid-Eighties Professor Pierre Budowski, from the Faculty of Agriculture. Rehovot, Israel, and I were working at the Zoological Society of London, where there was also an outbreak of BSE among antelope species. Concerned that BSE had, at the start, crossed the alleged species barrier, we published in the scientific journals a valid reason. namely that consistent increments of high-protein diets, and especially the switch from soya to animal protein, had depleted the specialised nutrients needed for the brain.

There is good experimental evidence to show that the brain then becomes susceptible to attack by foreign protein, resulting in severe damage and death, even though not from BSE as such. The brain is normally pro-tected by a blood-brain barrier. If that barrier leaks, the brain becomes susceptible to attack.

Had the ministry, as we suggested, examined the possibility not only that BSE was due to a protein but also that distorted diet was making the animals susceptible, it might have been possible to protect our herds by correct feeding.

However, the ministry apparently preferred to risk the possibility that its approval of a faulty dietary regime was wrong, as is now abundantly

If herds are slaughtered and the new herds are fed and treated on simiht gain disasters will continue. What is now essential is that animals be reared un-

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der ecological conditions in which an-imal health and nutrient value to the consumer are paramount.

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL A. CRAWFORD. 36 Regent's Park Road, NWI.

From Mr Caspar Bush

Sir. I am a dairy farmer from Somerset writing in despair at the possibility of all cattle over 30 months of age

being slaughtered on BSE-affected holdings. Our herd of 120 cows includes none below 30 months of age. We have had about 30 cases of BSE, one in an animal born in 1989, the remainder in 1987 and 1988-horn animals.

By all means let us have a slaughter policy to restore public confidence in the industry, but let us base that policy on removing cattle from the affected year groups. If we slaughter all cattle born before 1990 we would lose, say, 20 to 30 per cent of cattle from affected herds but we could still produce much of the milk the country requires.

Otherwise the compensation we will require cannot be based on the theoretical cost of replacing stock, for there are not enough surplus cattle in Europe to replace the hundreds of thousands we would lose. Our loss of earnings for perhaps three years must be compensated.

And in the absence of at least a third of Britain's milk supply, what would become of our local dairies, feed mills. vets, machinery contractors, hauliers, auctioneers and other input suppliers?

Unless we limit the slaughter to animals born before 1990 I fear terrible hardship in the rural economy of Britain, not so much amongst farmers whose losses can be easily identified and compensated but for tens of thousands who are indirectly employed.

Yours faithfully, CASPAR BUSH. Peart Farm, Norton St Philip, Bath, Avon.

From Professor Emeritus S. J. Wyard Sir, The risk of contracting CJD from the consumption of beef appears at present to be small; but it is an unnecessary risk that people should be able to avoid if they choose to. And yet we read ("The vital questions", March 21) that "material from cattle can find its way into chicken soup, wine sauce, lamb stock cubes and jellies" - and as THE HE WE KNOW INTO OCCERS OF O apparently innocent foodstuffs.

Surely this risk could be removed

immediately. The Government simply has to introduce an order prohibiting the incorporation of material from cartle in any edible product, unless that product is clearly labelled as "containing beef or beef products".

Yours faithfully. S. J. WYARD, Dale House, Church Road, Sevenoaks Weald, Kent. March 22.

From Mr Andrew Dakyns

Sir, Let us hope your "Poor John Bull" leader (March 23) is over-pessimistic. One ray of hope is that there has never, so we are told, been a case of mad cow disease among animals born and reared on organically run

Today's catastrophe has been brought about by ignoring sound husbandry. If only sensible voices like those of the Prince of Wales, who has given a lead in managing farmland in as natural a manner as possible, had heen listened to instead of being made fun of, we might not now be facing the horrendous price we shall all surely have to pay for the folly of contenting ourselves with short-term, cost-cutting dodges.

Yours etc. ANDREW DAKYNS. 18 Lambridge Wood Road, Henley-on-Thames,

From Lord Carter

Sir, The Government bears a particular and heavy responsibility for the BSE crisis because it ignored pressure from many of us in the 1980s to pay full compensation for BSE infected animals. Only 50 per cent compensa-tion was paid on the grounds that in-fected animals were worth less. By so doing, the Government effectively provided a perverse incentive against eradication.

Until the Government finally decided to pay full compensation in February 1990, this policy saved the Treasury a paltry £4 million. As we now face what is potentially the worst crisis in British farming since the war, this may turn out to be the most expensive £4 million that any government has ever saved.

Whilst well intentioned, the ban-

ning of extremist candidates is the

wrong approach to student union problems. The NUS ought to concen-

trate on making student unions more

relevant to their members to improve

There are extensive legal powers to

ensure that student union officers do

not abuse their position. The 1994 Act

and the charities laws particularly

bear on unfair, discriminatory behav-

iour and political activity. The vice-

chancellors should use these powers

If they or the NUS consider the

powers to be inadequate, they should

seek further powers from the Govern-

the low turnout in elections.

Yours truly, CARTER (Opposition spokesman on agriculture and tural allairsi House of Lords.

## Student unions

From Mrs Catherine Hesketh

Sir. I think it is very sad that the bust and portrait of my great, great grand-father, the Earl of Iveagh should be effectively removed from public view at Kenwood (Diary, March 25). Not only do I feel it is a somewhat churlish gesture in view of his generosity in giving the house and its contents to the nation, but also that some visitors may have an interest in the benefactor and may like to see a picture of him.

Surely one of the interesting things about Kenwood is that it is the house and collection of a particular man, not a collection got together by a government body or a group of academics, and I do believe it is important not to lose sight of this.

Yours sincerely.
CATHERINE HESKETH, 36 Porchester Terrace, W2, March 25.

# Broken engagement

From the Reverend Malcolm A. Johnson

Sir, Stephen Plunkett's call for Anglican/Methodist unity (letter, March 23) is timely; but may I point out that 25 years ago our engagement to be married was broken by us Anglicans, so it is for us to approach the Methoplans for reconciliation.

The opposition to Michael Ramsey's plans was led by Graham Leonard, then Bishop of Willesden. and his friends - many of whom have since joined the Roman Catholic Church, where it seems to me their first loyalty always lay. Now can the rest of us seek a rapprochement?

Yours sincerely, MALCOLM A. JOHNSON (Master). The Royal Foundation of Saint Katharine, 2 Butcher Row, El4. March 23.

From Mr Richard Harwood

Sir, The proposal by the National Union of Students and the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals to ban "extremists" from standing for sabbatical student union office (report, March 18) appears to me to be urdawful

The Education Act 1994 requires that student unions operate in a fair and democratic manner. Banning candidates because of their political or religious views can only be undemocratic. Nothing in the 1994 Act, which contains the main legislative provisions on student unions, supports a ban. Additionally, the freedom of speech and charities laws which apply to student unions would oppose rath-

ment and Parliament. Yours faithfully, RICHARD HARWOOD, er than uphold such a ban.

effectively.

## Popular classics

From Mr S. T. Millson

Sir. Richard Morrison ("Who killed the great dictators?", Arts, March 20: letters, March 23) asserts that classical music appreciation has become the preserve of an "ageing middleclass coterie", and that the symphony orchestra is heading for redundancy in the 21st century.

How strange, therefore, that at last Sunday night's Philharmonia Orchestra performance at the Royal Festival Hall, a capacity audience - from every age group — gave a tremendous ovation to the music of Borodin and Rachmaninov. How strange also that one of the world's most successful arts festivals, the Henry Wood Proms, should attract such a vast following, particularly among younger people.
Perhaps the day of the great compo-

sers and their present-day tail-coated exponents is not over after all. Yours faithfully,

STUART MILLSON. 109 Durham Road. Shortlands, Bromley, Kent. March 20.

#### China's judicial system From Mrs Barbara Mills, QC. Director of Public Prosec

Sir, I object to the hostile view expressed by Bernard Levin ("A mandarin in Peking", March 22) on my recent official visit to China.

My visit was made at the invitation of the Supreme People's Procuratorate of China, their equivalent of the Crown Prosecution Service, and the formal host was the Municipal People's Procuratorate of Tianjin. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office supported the trip, which is part of an ongoing programme of exchange study visits between English and Chinese prosecutors.

The Government remains deeply oncerned about the human righ

uation in China. It deplores all abuses of human rights, and continues to raise these concerns with the authorities. However, one way to help China improve its human rights record is to promote contact and have a dialogue on a wide variety of subjects.

The Chinese National People's Conress recently passed some changes to their criminal justice system which will bring it closer to the English system. They include limitations on police powers of detention, early access to defendants for defence lawyers and a more adversarial court procedure with a greater role for defence law-

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be I Serjeants' Inn, EC4.

From Mr Nick Sinclair-Brown Sir, The assertion that Mahler was unjustly neglected until the 1971 film. Death in Venice, may not be so bizarre as your report (also March 20) suggested. A Mahler symposium at the Royal Festival Hall in 1986 provided an opportunity for a comparative study of the hall's own records which revealed a significant increase both in

programming and seat demand. Despite being championed by a number of composers and conductors. the length of Mahler symphonies pre-sented difficulties for both programming and LP recording. Visconti's in-spired choice of Mahler to heighten the complex characterisation of the film produced a demand which dissolwed these constraints.

Mahler believed that great music challenges rather than entertains. Although it is tragic to see works of supreme creativity exploited as vehicles for mere sentimentality, this does not mean that those who have ears to hear may not take up the challenge.

Yours faithfully, NICK SINCLAIR-BROWN, Hughes Hall, Cambridge.

These changes have taken some time to draft and are the result of wide consultation, both in China and by Chinese officials with other countries. Clearly there is still great scope for im-

provement in a number of areas

where China's legal system remains a

cause for concern but they are a good

My hope is that an exchange of information about our respective criminal justice systems may help to influence the Chinese Legislative Committee in the formulation of a more open and fair approach to their criminal justice system.

Yours faithfully. BARBARA MILLS. Director of Public Prosecutions, Crown Prosecution Service.

## Two minutes for silent memories

From the Secretary General of the Royal British Legion

Sir, The Royal British Legion warmly welcomes Colonel Anthony Lake's letter ("A suitable time for all remembrance", March 20) which makes a very good case for the observance of a two-minute silence at the same time

on the same day each year. Last year, the Legion's call for a nationwide two-minute silence at Ilam on Saturday, November 11, observed by half the nation, provided an opportunity for us to pause and remember in whatever way we wished. The Legion was greatly encouraged by this public support. The occasion impinged on the national consciousness in a way that the silence on Remembrance Sunday no longer does, due to the way people spend their leisure time these days shopping, in recreation, or even staying in bed, rather than attending

solemn ceremonies.

Pausing to reflect in silence for just two minutes during what until the end of the current millennium will be a weekday is likely to have a meaningful effect. We will be leading the campaign for silence again this year at 11

am on Monday, November 11. There is clearly no practical prob-lem so far as the broadcast media are concerned, and we shall be seeking their and others' active co-operation. Our research shows that 93 per cent of the public are behind us (96 per cent among the 15-24 age group). We al-ready have pledges of support from many major retailers, public bodies and local authorities, who will encourage people to stop and reflect.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP CREASY. Secretary General, The Royal British Legion, 48 Pall Mall, SWI. March 21.

From Mrs June Coleridge

Sir, I agree with Colonel Lake's suggestion. There are fewer and fewer people who can "remember" the two world wars of the 20th century. Would it not be better to move to a thanksgiving theme?

We could have a thanksgiving weekend to coincide with the schools half-term at the end of October, with Friday a public holiday. This would enable the families of the Jewish faith to gather on Friday, Muslims on Saturday and Christians on Sunday: the two world wars affected families

many faiths and nationalities. I was a wartime Wren and would be sad to see the present ceremonies just fade away. For 50 years our children and now grandchildren have been spared full-scale war and many of them are out there now in the wide world working with nations with whom we fought. They and we have much to be thankful for at the end of this century.

Yours faithfully, JUNE COLERIDGE, Ottery, Harwood Road, Marlow, Buckinghamshire. March 20.

From Mr Jonathan Harrison Sir, Surely the best time must be All Souls' Day (November 2) when we already remember the faithful depart-

Yours faithfully, JONATHAN HARRISON, Castle Farmhouse, Odell, Bedford. March 21.

## Campaigning issues

From Mrs R. Wilson-MacDonald

Sir, Of course the world should be championing the Marsh Arabs and their culture against the brutal Saddam Hussein (Sir John Curtiss's letter, March 19).

But to say that people in the West are wasting their energies campaign-

ing against ruining the environment. and against cruel sports and the evil, live export of animals is insensitive. All cruelty is despicable, whatever form it takes and there is plenty of it in

the world today. Tyrants take many forms. Let us try to bring them all low and stand up to the bully big or small. Yours faithfully,

ROSEMARY WILSON-MacDONALD. Rose Farm, Chobham, Surrey. March 22

## Yudkin library sale

From Mrs Constance Reed

Sir. The first holder of the chair of nutrition at London University was Benjamin Platt, appointed Professor of Human Nutrition at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medi-cine in 1944, ten years earlier than John Yudkin (report, March 21).

I well recall sitting beside Ben Platt as we drove through the West End of London behind a car with the numberplate NUT 1.

That should be my number, said Platt mildly -- only to fall into a state of apoplexy when he recognised at the wheel John Yudkin, who remained quite oblivious of the fist being shaken

Yours faithfully. C. REED (Secretary to Professor Platt, 1952-6I). I Meadow Springs. Lydiard Millicent, Swindon, Wiltshire.

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**BELVEDERE PALACE** WARSAW

March 25: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh left Heathrow Airport, London, this morning for the State Visit to the Republic of Poland and the Czech Republic. Her Majesty and His Royal

Higness were received at the airport by the Earl of Airlie KT (Lord Chamberlain), Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London (Field Marshal the Lord Bramall KG). Mr Witol Sobkow (Minister-Counsellor, Polish Embassy), Mr Milan Jakobec (Minister Counsellor, Czech Embassy). Dr Brian Smith (Chairman, Brit-ish Airports Authority) and Mr Roger Caro (Deputy Managing Director, Heathrow Airport).

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon arrived in Poland and were received at Warsaw Airport by Mr Rosati (Minister of Foreign Affairs).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness drove to the Presidential Palace and were received by The President the Republic of Poland nd Mrs Kwasniewska. The Queen and The Duke of

Edinburgh later laid a Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Her Majesty and His Royal Highness subsequently met citi-zens of Warsaw in the Old Town

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh afterwards opened an Anglo-Polish historical exhibition at the Royal Castle and met the

Mayor of Warsaw. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness attended a Reception for media representatives in the

Ballroom at the Castle. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh later laid a Wreath at the Umschlagplatz Memorial and met leaders of the Polish Council representatives of the Jewish

This evening Her Majesty and His Royal Highness attended a State Banquet given by The Presi-dent of the Republic of Poland and Mrs Kwasniewska in the Presidential Palace.

The following are in attendance: The Rt Hon Malcolm Rifkind MP (Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) and Mrs Rifkind, His Excellency Mr Michael Llewellyn Smith (Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Poland) and Mrs Liewellyn Smith, the Duchess of Grafton, Lady Dugdale, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes, Major

BIRTHS: William Wollaston,

philosopher, Coton, near Stafford,

659; Sir Benjamin Thompson.

Count von Rumford, physicist and

co-founder of the Royal Institution

Massachusetts, 1753; David Alfred

Thomas, 1st Viscount Rhondda,

statesman and financier, Ysgy-

A. E. Housman, poet and scholar,

Fockbury, Worcestershire, 1859;

Robert Frost, poet, San Francisco, 1874; Sir Gerald du Maurier, actor-

manager, London, 1874; Ten-

nessee Williams, dramatist.

DEATHS: John Winthrop, Pu-

ritun and 1st Governor of

Massachusetts, Boston, 1649; Sir

John Vanhough, dramatist and

architect, London, 1726; Ludwig

Columbus, Mississippi, 1911.

Great Britain, Woburn.

General Sir Simon Cooper, Mr Robin Janvrin, Mr Charles Anson, Surgeon Captain David Swain RN, Air Commodore the Hon Timothy Elworthy, Lieutenant Commander Toby Williamson RN Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis and Mr William Ehrman.

Lady Dugdale has succeeded Mrs Robert de Pass as Lady in Waiting to The Queen. BUCKINGHAM PALACE

March 25: The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this afternoon visited Mulberry Design Company Limited, Chilcompton and Kilver Court, Shepton Mallet, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset (Sit

Her Royal Highness Visitor. Dorothy House Foundation Macmillan Service, later visited Winsley House, Bradford-on-Avon, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Wilt-shire (Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs).

CLARENCE HOUSE March 25: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon visjud the Princess Alice Hospice,

Dame Frances Campbell-Pres ton was in attendance. ST JAMES'S PALACE

March 25: The Prince of Wales today visited Oxford and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire (Mr

Hugo Brunner). His Royal Highness this morning opened the Oxford Centre for Innovation and presented his 1996 awards for innovation.

The Prince of Wales this after-

noon visited Linacre College, toured the new Abrahams Building and met College members. KENSINGTON PALACE March 25: The Princess Margaret Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Dinner for the Amber Trust held at the Cafe

YORK HOUSE March 25: The Duke of Kent was this afternoon received by His Excellency Benjamin Mkapa. President of the United Republic of

Royal, London, WI.

Tanzania.

Today's anniversaries

Colony

His Royal Highness this eve-Mikomazi Ecological Research es Salaam Hotel, Dar es Salaam.

1827: Thomas Hancock, pioneer of

the rubber industry. Stoke New-

ington, 1865; Walt Whitman, poet,

Camden, New Jersey, 1892; Cecil Rhodes, Prime Minister of Cape

South Africa, 1902; Sarah Bern-hardt, actress, Paris, 1923; David

Lloyd George, Ist Earl Lloyd

George of Dwyfor, Prime Minister 1916-22, Ty Newydd, 1945; Raymond Chandler, novelist, La

Jolia, California, 1959; Sir Noël

Coward, playwright and com-

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poser, St Mary, Jamaica, 1973.

took place, Woking, 1886.

1890-96, Mulzenberg.

# University news University of Ulster

Contracts

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ARTS COURESPONDENT

A COMPREHENSIVE music encyclo-

paedia which will let the reader hear

extracts from symphonies, quartets and

operas while reading about them is to be

published this summer.
Using the latest CD-Rom technology,

450 "sound-clips" are being created to accompany some of the 11,000 textual

entries. The sound-clips are "tasters" of

about 30 seconds. When readers alight

on an entry about the koto, the Japanese

instrument of ancient Chinese origin,

they will be able to hear its 13 silk strings

producing its characteristic brittle.

plucking sound, if they call up Beetho-

ven, they can hear snatches of his music

while scanning a long list of entries on

The encyclopaedia is worked by

him, pictures and a list of his works.

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Professor M T B Fitzpatrick, £62,745,
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Charity Professor DI Thurnham, £153,000, from The Howard Poundation, for a

Legal appointments

world's first officially designated South Eastern Circuit game reserve, opened in South Africa, 1878. David Francis Effer, QC, Michael John Carroll, Jeremy George Connor and Richard Michael Hayward to be appointed circuit The first cremation in England judges on the South Eastern Circuit. Driving tests were introduced,

#### As the sound of music is notoriously difficult to put into words, the potential of interactive technology is enormous. Helicon has been working on the project since 1994. Sheila Dallas, managing

Kate Wikox, of Helicon, and the interactive music encyclopaedia which lets readers hear musical extracts

Encyclopaedia is music to the ears

clicking a mouse on a CD-Rom personal

computer. The sound, transmitted via a

sound-blaster card", emerges through

two loudspeakers attached to the

The encyclopaedia, aimed at the

general reader, is based on one of the

most respected reference sources, the Everyman Dictionary of Music, first

published half a century ago and

revised and updated in 1988. The

interactive version is being produced by

Helicon publishing, an Oxford company

which publishes Hutchinson's reference

books. The CD-Rom costs £49.99 and

the hardback book, which spans 788

pages in its updated version, costs £25.

**Dinners** 

HM Government Mr Jeremy Hanley, Minister of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, was the host last night at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House to bid farewell to Mr Amar Bendjama, former Ambassador of Algeria.

The Pilgrims

Mr Peter Sutherland was the guest of honour and speaker at a Pilgrims dinner held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Robert M. Worcester, chairman, presided. Lord Kingsdown, KG, also spoke. Among others present were: The Earl and Countess of Ports-

mouth, the Right Rev Dr R D Say, Lord and Lady Astor of Hever, Lord and Lady Chalfont, Lord Sir Michael Palliser, the Hon Sir Peter and Lady Ramsbotham, Sir James and Lady Harvie-Watt, Sir Michael Craig-Cooper, Sir Hugh and Lady Cubitt, Sir Roy and Lady Denman, Sir Nicholas and Lady Fenn, Sir John and Lady Grenside Sir Ronald Halstead. Sir Frank Layfield, QC. and Lady Layfield, Sir Geoffrey Leigh, Sir Peter and Lady Marshall, Sir Derek Thomas, Mr and Mrs Peter Barton, Mr and Mrs Throthy Deal,

Mr John Fingleton, Miss Victoria

egge-Bourke, Mr and Mrs Rich ard Sermon, Mr and Mrs Russell Twisk and Mr and Mrs J Wateyn

Thorney Island Society Mr Hugh Petter, of the Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture. was the guest sneaker at a dinner of the Thorney Island Society held last night at the Basil Street Hotel. Miss June Stubby, chairman of the society, presided.

Cardiff Business Club The Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Timothy Davies, was present at a dinner held by the Club at the Park Hotel, Cardiff, last night. The guest speaker was Mr Derek Wanless, Group Chief Executive, Mr Denis Larmer, NarWest Cymru Wales, presided.

Lamb Chambers

A dinner was given by Lamb Chambers at Scribes on Thursday, March 21, 1996, to mark the appointment of Judge David Ellis to the South Eastern Circuit Bench, Mr Jonathan Cole presided. The toast to Judge Ellis was proposed by Mr Anthony McNetle.

# Latest wills

editor, said: "It has been a most exciting

project to work on. Multimedia is still in

its infancy, but a classical music multi-

media encyclopaedia is starting from

commission their own recordings. "The

cost of buying in material can sometimes

be prohibitive," said Brigid Macleod,

sales and marketing director. "For the

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using the CD-Rom technology, Helicon

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The musical instruments sound-clips

Although a number of publishers are

commercially attractive rates."

nothing else on such a scale.

In some cases, it was cheaper to

scratch."

Sir William Godfrey Agnew, of South Ascot, Berkshire, for over 20 years Clerk of the Privy Council, left estate valued at £1,177,425 net. He left [1,000 to the Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond

Mr Charles Watson Warrell, of Matlock, Derbyshire, creator of the I-Spy Books, left estate valued at £287.241 net.

Wing Commander Peter Harrison Sweet DSO. DFC and Bar. of Sevenoaks, Kent, member of the warrime Pathlinder Force, left estate valued at E44,163 net. Dephne Amelia Van Degren, of

Brockley, London, SE4, left estate valued at £264,387 net. the left has entire estate to the Cancer Research Campaign. Mr Peter Goodall, of Wetherby.

West Yorkshire, former executive

chairman. Hepworth Ceran Holdings, left estate valued at £1,689,749 net. Other estates include (net, before

Mr Andrew Beaver, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire..... £737,261 Mrs Marjorie Dorothy Davies, of Meifod, Powys ..... ..... E756,534 Mr Rex Justin Forshaw, of

Hoylake, Merseyside...... 5854,594

Mr Thomas Peter Parker, of

Worcester Park, Surrey ... £804,363

# engagements

Prince Edward, as president, will attend a performance of The Threepenny Opera given by the National Youth Music Theatre at the Lyric Theatre Hammersmith at 7.30.

The Princess Royal will attend the National Equine Forum at the Royal Veterinary College, London University, at 10.10; as Patron of the College of Occupational Therapists, will attend the National Vocational Qualifications conference, 6-8 Marshalsea Road, SEI, at 3.00; and, as Patron of Sense, the National Deafblind and Rubella Association, will attend a 40th anniversary reception at Buckingham Palace at 6 00. Princess Margaret, as Master of

the Bench, will attend a dinner with the Treasurer and past Treasurers of Lincoln's Inn at 7.15. The Duke of Gloucester will attend the Master of the Constructors' Company's ladies dinner at Mansion House, at 7.15.

#### Luncheons Society of Trust and Estate

Practitioners The Lord Chancellor was the principal guest at the Chairman's luncheon of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners held yes-terday at the House of Commons by courtesy of Mr David Sumberg. MP. Mr Geoffrey Shindler, chairman, society, presided.

Royal Over-Seas League The High Commissioner for Cameroon and Mrs Mbei were the ruests of honour at a luncheon of the Royal Over-Seas League held yesterday at Over-Seas House. St James's. Mr Roger Lilley, deputy chairman, and members of the central council were the hosts.

Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce

Mr David McLean, Chairman of the Canadian National Railways, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at the Langham Hilton. Mr Timothy Battle, president of the chamber. presided. The Deputy High Commissioner for Canadian the Agent General for British Columbia and Lord Marsh were among those present.

#### Schools news Benenden School

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Winterfold House School Winterfold House School (previously 'Perryn School') this year celebrates fifty years at Winterfold. A number of events are planned for the coming year, including the Golden Jubilee Ball and Old Boys Re-union. For details, please con-tact the School Office, Winterfold House, Chaddesley Corbett, DY10 4PL (tel: 01562 777234).

# Today's royal | Forthcoming marriages

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Mr M.E.G. Harper and Miss J.H. Niven The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Vivian Harper, of Not-tingham, and Julie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Niven, of Thurntonhall, Glasgow,

Mr.A. Maioi and Miss LM. Southall The engagement is announced between Ashwan, son of Professor R.N. Maini and Mrs Marianne Maini, both of London, and Linne Marina, daughter of Mr and Mrs L.H. Southall, of Cardiff.

Mr P.P. Mullins and Miss R.F. Williams The engagement is announced between Paul. younger son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Multims, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Rosa lind, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Williams, of Sparsholt

Mr M.A. Paterson and Dr L.C. Gumpert The engagement is armounced between Mark, younger sen of Mr and Mrs John Paterson, of Hunton, Hampshire, and Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Gumpert, of Ringmer, East

Sussex.

Mr J.P. Thon and Miss K.R. Mackle The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Wing Commander and Mrs J.A. Thomas, of Hilton, Cambridge-shire, and Kirsty, daughter of Dr and Mrs IJ. Mackie, of Sydney, ... Mr I.D. Wester

and Miss S.E. Meadons The engagement is announced between lan. elder son of Mr D.A. Wuster, of Stafford, and Mrs P.A. Cartwright, of Gayton, Stafford shire and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs N. Meadows, of Molesey, Surrey.

#### Birthdays today Mr David Amess, MP, 44; Mr

Graham Barlow, cricketer, 46; Mr Pierre Boolea, composer and conductor, 71; Lord Chetwode, 59; Miss Kyung-Wha Chung, violin-ist, 48; Mr Piers Gardner, director, British Institute of International and Comparative Law, 42; Lord Graham of Edmonton, 71; Mr William Hague, Secretary of State for Wales, 35; Her Honour Jean Graham Hall, 79; Baroness Hayman, 47; Lord Hooson, OC. 71: Air Marshal Sir Peter Horsley, 75: Miss Elizabeth Jane Howard, novelist, 73; Sir George Jefferson, former chairman, British Telecom, 75; Sir Bernard Katz, biophysicist, 85: the Earl of Kinnoull, 61: Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McGeoch, 82; Sir Leslie Melville, economist, 94; Mr Leonard Nimoy, actor and pro-ducer, 65; Mr G. T. Pryce, former chief executive. Daigety, 62; Mr Harry Rabinowitz, conductor and composer, 80; Miss Diana 2 ss, singer, 52; Mr Amedee Tuller, OC, and former MEP, 67: Mr Colin Webb, former general manager, Press Association, 57.

# Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League Profeessor Margaret Boden of Sussex University was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

# New ambassador

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Mr Christopher Crabble, CMG. has been appointed Ambassador to Bucharest in succession to Mr Andrew Bache, CMG, who will be Service appointment.

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are delighted to amounts the left private on 21st March of Jonathan Alexander Louis (Jack), a brother for Sam. CALDERWOOD - On 19th

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MACK - Valerie much loved mother and grandmother died peacefully on 19th March. Funeral at 11.30 am on Thursday 28th March. Holy Trinity Brompion. London SW7. Memorial Savice inter on inte of Wight. Faintly flowers only. If wished densitions to Joshus Lypopton Memorial Funer c/o Competon. Holy Trinity Brumpage. Leaden.

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COUNTERAY TAYLOR COUNTERNAY TAYLOR

In South West France,
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Funeral to be held on
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LEWIS - Harold Culfford aged
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FREARSON - Sydney of Leicester aged 85 on March 16th. Much loved by wife Gwen and son Stuart.

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House, Durnford Street,
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MORGAN - Dr. John (Huma).

Conspilant Dermatologist, died on March 24th aged 83, Private funeral. Memorial Service to be announced.

MOSS - On March 25th Dr. Trevor Stupson Moss aged 75 years of Colwall, March 25th Dr. Trevor Stupson Moss aged 75 years of Colwall, March 25th Dr. Trevor Stupson Moss aged 75 years of Colwall, March 25th Dr. Trevor Stupson Moss aged 75 years of Colwall Partable Church on Tuesday April 25th 220 pm. Description of 25th Partable 25th Dr. March Person March 25th Dr. Ma

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PEARMAINE - Moyne, Mo ded peacefully, if stadenty, 23rd March 1996. "Let's bury her in flowers". Tributes c/o Tressiders, Nantwich, Cheshire. (01270) 626673.

PHILIPS - On March 18th at St Michael's Hospice. Hereford, Peter John Croft aged 66 years of Treuech, Monmouth Dearly loved instead of Sec. The Assertal has taken place. Mamouted laster, Donations if so dealerd for St Methods House, Cathrook, Duffryn House, Cathrook, Cassatow, Caventow, Carentow Cathrook, Cassatow, Caventow, NP6 6NO. Future Campaign to Puter House, Cathrook, Cassatow, Caventow, NP6 6NO. Future Campaign to Puter Cathrook, Cath

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## **OBITUARIES**

Ron Hayward, CBE, General Secretary of the Labour Party. 1972-82, died on March 22 aged 78. He was born on June 27, 1917.

FOR someone who became the Labour Party's General Secretary almost by a fluke - he won the office by the casting vote of the party chairman, Tony Benn - Ron Hayward enjoyed a remarkably high profile throughout his ten-year term of office. This was not always to the liking of his nominal employers on the National Executive Committee. some of whose members from time to time thought they detected in him the makings of a politician manqué.

Such suspicions were, if anything, confirmed when at the annual conference following the party's defeat at the general election of 1979 Hayward roundly declared that the election had been lost because of the failure of the Labour Government not merely to carry out conference resolutions and TUC Congress decisions but even to include them in the party's manifesto. Since he had been put up to defend the Callaghan Government's record, his further ad lib - "I wish sometimes that our Prime Ministers would act in our interests as a Tory Prime Minister ucts in theirs" - was also not regarded as particularly helpful.

It struck an unfortunate note towards the end of what until then had been, at least in electoral terms, a surprisingly successful period as the party's chief civil servant. When Hayward succeeded Sir Harry Nicholas as d General Secretary in March 1972 seeing off the officially favoured candidate Gwyn Morgan in the process the omens for the Labour Party hardly looked good.

The split over Europe — one of the lactors that had cost the pro-European Morgan the job - was just developing. Roy Jenkins, George Thomson and Harold Lever were to resign from the Shadow Cabinet over the issue of the referendum the following month. Nor, with the Heath Government still riding high, were there enough indications of a recovery in Labour fortunes to make it a realistic contender at the next election. But Hayward, who always claimed to have kept the faith even at the darkest hour, lived to see his confidence vindicated. In March 1974 Harold Wilson moved back into No 10 and six months later converted his minority Government into one enjoying an overall Commons majorif by the slenderest of margins. Unlike his predecessor, who had lost the only election the party had fought

# **RON HAYWARD**



during his time at Transport House. Hayward was thus able to claim that of the three elections he had been directly involved in as General Secretary the party had won all but the last.

A countryman with a distinct Oxfordshire burr. Ronald George Hay-ward was the son of a smallholder and was educated at the local C of E school and then at a variety of RAF technical colleges. At the age of 16 he was apprenticed to a cabinet-maker - a training that was to lead to predictably arch jokes later. He served during the war as a technical training instructor in the RAF, reaching senior noncommissioned rank. He started out in the Labour Party agency service in 1945, becoming, first, secretary-agent to the Banbury constituency party (a

Tory-held seat) and then, in 1947, agent for Rochester and Chatham (successfully held for Labour by Arthur Bottomley in the February 1950 general

His first break came when, later in 1950, he was appointed assistant regional organiser for the Labour Party in the southern region. There were many more Labour seats in that area then than there are now, and Hayward, working as number two to a much older man, soon proved himself an active and energetic official: so much so that, when his colleague retired, he was highly unusually appointed to the top job in the same

That this had disadvantages as well as advantages was to emerge later

when Hayward grew visibly impatient with tilling the same political soil for nearly twenty years. Fortunately, how ever, help was at hand. The retirement of Dame Sara Barker from the national agent's job at Transport House left a vacancy at party head-quarters which Hayward made no secret of his anxiety to fill. Again, he was not the favourite for the job most people having expected it to go to the assistant national agent, Reg Underhill. It was a time, though, of upheaval, in No 10-head office relations - Wilson had just failed to get Anthony Greenwood appointed General Secretary - and being the establishment candidate was not necessarily an asset, in any event, Hayward - as the more left-wing contender - was chosen by the NEC and for the next three years the unfortunate Underhill had to work to a man whom he had always previously regarded as his junior. (He was to have the last laugh, however, as he went on to be numinated as a life peer by James Callaghan.)

Hayward's own relations with both Wilson and Callaghan were correct without being especially cordial. He used to refer to Wilson as "the little man" but on March 16, 1976, the then Prime Minister did make a point of informing him of his decision to retire a full hour before he told the Cabinet much, it has to be said, to Hayward's own subsequent gratification.

If he had a weakness, it was in fact a

harmless form of personal vanity something which, since most politi-cians suffer from it to a far more virulent degree, made him an awkward colleague for many of them. He was always keen to have his own speaking part, for example, in party political broadcasts, a tendency that was often misunderstood by those who saw them as the exclusive province of elected politicians. Nor, at least in the last years of the Labour Government. did he always enjoy the rights of access to No 10 that he would have liked — the Central Policy Review Staff and James Callaghan's own personal think-tank all too often coming between him and the emperor's ear.

It was on Harold Wilson's nomination that he was appointed CBE in 1970 and some felt it odd that no further honour came to him on his retirement. Typically, he himself maintained that a peerage had been offered and that he had turned it down out-of-hand.

He is survived by his wife Phyllis, whom he married in 1943, and by three daughters.

## **MARY LAVIN**

that which was said in them.

Lavin had, in the words of one

critic, "the ability to make murmurs into shouts". The

damo, crude, quiet atmo-

sphere of a somewhat old-

fashioned provincial Ireland

breathed from the seemingly

unsophisticated frameworks

of Lavin's tales in a way which

placed her firmly in the best tradition of Irish raconteurs.

with the world which her

stories describe. Born in Mas-

sachusetts, she spent a care-

free and untramelled rural

childhood until the age of nine

when she and her mother

moved to the little village of Athenry in the west of Ireland.

There, through the wide eyes

of an American child she

appraised petit bourgeois Irish life, absorbing impres-

sions that would later form the

In 1922 her mother bought a

house in Dublin and her

father returned from the Uni-

ted States to join them. Mary

was convent-educated at Lore-

to College before going on to

read literature at University College, Dublin, While study-

ing for a PhD she wrote her

first short story, Miss Hol-

land, which was accepted for

publication in the Dublin Magazine. The Anglo-Irish

basis of her short stories.

Mary Lavin was familiar

Mary Lavin, short story writer, died in Dublin yesterday aged 83. She was born in East Walpole, Massachusetts, on June 11, 1912.

GENTLE, but shrewdly perceptive, Mary Lavin was one of those rare Irish writers who chose as their subject the gentility of small-town life rather than the quaint traditions of a folksy rural Ireland. Her portraits were of provincial society in all its paralysing narrowness: its inhibitions, conservatism and grim pieties. Yet she wrote with a lucidity and tact which were to place her alongside such acknowledged masters of the short story form as Sean O'Faolain, Frank O'Connor and Liam O'Flaharty.

From the writers of the great European canon — Flaubert, Maupassant and Tolstoy — Mary Lavin learnt how the patterns and rhythms of ordinary life could be distilled and enhanced. Her short stories. limpid and unhurried in style. unfold their themes with careful deliberation, refining that which is remarkable out of everyday events.

Her skill as a storyteller seemed a part of her make-up as a person. Watching the world with her button-bright eyes, she had a restless curiosity about people, whether close friends or merely passers-by in the street. She drew her inspiration from the well of character rather than the sea of experience, plumbing the secret depths of personality.

Her stories are peopled by forlorn spinsters and sprightly nuns, by mothers mourning long-dead sons and bitterly antagonistic sisters. They are tales of love and marriage, of farming and fishing, of avarice and Puritanism and lives that trudge the narrow Irish track between desire and guilt. They focus on prurient gossipmongering and parochial grandeurs, on narrow religiosity and prosperous commercialism, on pinched lives and

feeble deaths. But it was the way in which the tales were told which author, Lord Dunsany, read it and, marking her talent, developed from then on an interest in her work. His sponsorship served to launch her career. After the appearance of several more of her stories in various magazines, Mary Lavin published her first col-

lection, Tales From Bective Bridge, in 1942. It won the James Tait Black Memorial Prize Spurred on by success. Lavin wrote prolifically from then onwards, at first from the farm which she and her first husband, a solicitor, had bought and then, after his death, from her mews house in Dublin. Before the end of her life she was to publish some 19 collections of short stories including The Long Ago (1944), The Becker Wives (1946), A Single Lady (1957), In the Middle of the Fields (1966) and The Shrine (1976). She also wrote two novels: The House in Clewe Street (1945) and Mary O'Grady. Her collected stories were published in 1971.

Lavin's Dublin where she brought up her three daughters, was a centre of bohemian Irish literary life. Writers such as Eavan Bo-land, Sean O'Faolain and Benedict Kieley would congregate there, enjoying impromp-tu dinners of spaghetti and red wine and discussing literature with the freshness of delight so typical of Lavin's outlook

It was only in the early 1980s that Lavin's health began to fail. In 1990, after the death of her second husband, she moved to a nursing home.

Mary Lavin won many awards in her lifetime, including Guggenheim fellowships and the Katherine Mansfield Prize. She was president of the Irish Academy of Letters in

She married twice: first, in 1942 to a solicitor, William Walsh, who died in 1954. She married, secondly, in 1969 Michael MacDonald Scott, a former Roman Catholic priest. who also predeceased her in 1990. She is survived by three daughters from her first marriage.

# WILLIAM HUTCHISON MURRAY

William Hutchison Murray, OBE, mountaineer and author died on March 19 aged 83. He was born on

THE great periods of Alpine mountaineering have long produced classic books to delight non-climbers. The subject of climbing in Scotland, on the other hand, was neglected until the arrival of Bill Murray. The literary energies of previous Scottish pioneers had more often been poured into the pages of the Scottish Mountaineering Club's Journal, or into the club's admirable series of guides. Those

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books that existed were of a finder for those who wish to dry, technical nature. Murray climb in Britain. He did, dry, technical nature. Murray went a long way to rectifying this situation with his inspiring descriptions of winter

For about twenty years, from the mid-1930s to the mid-1950s, Murray climbed and then chronicled some of the most during ascents of his day. As a mountaineer, he was considered strong but not exceptional, although he was regarded well enough to be chosen by Eric Shipton as his number two on the Everest reconnaissance expedition of 1951. Murray's influence these days is felt less as an innovator of techniques than as a path-

however, introduce a technique in the 1930s, since developed, for using the pick which had been traditionally used by slaters on roofs on the winter ascents in Scotland.

Winter climbing in Scotland, he showed, could be every bit as rewarding and technically demanding as that in the Alps, the climbers having to overcome not only the exceptional steepness of the mutes but often the near Arctic weather conditions also. Even so, young mountaineers these days have sometimes

complained that Murray, with his brayura descriptions of dangers faced and overcome, had a knack of making his climbs sound harder than they look how far the art of mounclimbing, and in tain particular mountaineering equipment, has progressed this century

William Hutchison Murray was born in Liverpool but educated at Glasgow Academy. He worked as a bank clerk until he was called up for service in the war. His real passion, however, was climbing. He climbed the hills north of Glasgow as a young man, and from the early 1930s

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turned his attention to the Western Highlands. From 1936 he climbed with a regular team which included the leg-endary Dr J. H. B. Bell, W. M. MacAlpine. Together they notched up some of the great mountaineering achievements of that decade. Of particular note was the first ascent of Clachaig Gully in Glencoe in 1938 — that huge gash in the side of Sgor nam Fionnaidh, which had beckoned mountaineers for years but which

had until then repulsed them. But Murray was not interested in marking up firsts in some grim spirit of competition. He approached each mountain as a marvellous opportunity, and each change in the weather offered its own peculiar challenge. If the wea-ther was vile, then the only thing to do was to look for something more difficult. As MacAlpine sensibly remarked, when their hut was being lashed by horizontal rain: "In rain you get miser-able on an easy climb. But go to a hard climb and you forget

the weather. This cheerful spirit led them to climb by moonlight (they were one of the first teams to use head torches), to camp on Ben Nevis in the winter, to seek out the ridges of Glencoe when crisp, freezing weather made them at their prettiest and most dangerous. On the last stage they would be sustained by what Murray liked to call "mummery's blood", consisting of equal parts of rum and Bovril. Murray described its effect thus: "It lowers angles, shortens distances and improves weather."

Murray's first foray into writing came about through



The Everest reconnaissance expedition, 1951. From left, standing, are Shipton, Murray, Bourdillon and Riddiford, Seated in front are Ward and Hillary

an enforced period of idleness during the war. Serving in the Highland Light Infantry, he fought in the Western Desert, was captured and spent the next three years as a prisoner of war in Italy, Czechoslovakia and Germany. There he wrote the first draft of Mountaineering in Scotland on some lavatory paper which he had managed to procure. Pub-lished on his release, in 1947, it immediately established him as a great mountaineering writer. While he was alive to the beauty of the climbs, there were no embarrassing purple passages. Instead, he packed the book full of dense, concrete

information, which allowed the reader to follow him up every pitch of Rannoch Wall or Crowberry Gulley. The book is still in print half a century later. In 1951 there followed Undiscovered Scotland.

Murray's prewar climbs in Scotland were the pinnacle of his achievement as a mountaineer. But the decade after the war was not without achievement. He was a member of two Himalayan expeditions, from which emerged The Scottish Himalayan Expedition (1952); and from Shipton's reconnaissance expedition to Everest sprang The

Story of Everest (1953) which chronicled the various attempts on the summit.

Murray lived at Lochgoilhead in Argyll. He continued to climb until recently and to write - there were about twenty books in all, and in 1985 he published what many consider to be the best biography of Rob Roy MacGregor. He was a founder member of the Alpine Climbing Group, and president of the Scottish Mountaineering Club. He was appointed OBE in 1966.

Murray is survived by his wife Anne, a poet. There were no children.

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#### EGYPT FEARS RADICAL PLOT BEHIND FAISAL KILLING

From Paul Martin Cairo, March 25

King Faisal of Saudi Arabia was shot dead in Riyadh today by a "mentally deranged" nephew while he was receiving greetings on the feast of the Prophet Muhammad's birthday. As the Arab world was plunged into mourning, his brother, Crown Prince Khalid ibn Abdul Aziz, was elected by the royal court as the new ruler of the richest oil producin country. It is widely thought that Prince Fahd will be the power behind the throne. He is already being tipped as Prime Minister, a role that King Faisal reserved for himself.

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Riyadh radio named the killer as Prince
Paisal ibn Musaed, a nephew of the king and
member of the Saud family which is estimated
to number 5,000. The king was rushed to

hospital, but died on the way. King Faisal was the greatest proponent of moderation in the Arab world. Egyptian political sources are expressing lears that the assassination could have been an attempt by radical Arab political elements to wreck Saudi Arabia's present stability and open up the country to more revolutionary influences. Egypt's deep concern is amplified by the lact

In June, the King's assassin, Prince Musaed was publicly beheaded. On the death of King Khalid in 1982 his half-brother Prince Fahd succeeded him

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that Cairo has come to rely on the support of the Saudis for its moderate Middle East policy. Throughout all the phases of President Sadar's diplomatic offensive aimed at solving the Middle East crisis, he has worked in close consultation with Saudi Arabia.

King Faisal was in a small anteroom of his modest palace in Riyadh, receiving princes and commoners when the assassin struck. Prince Faisal was in the line to shake hands with the King when he pulled out a revolver from his robes and shot him several times.

On these occasions the King is usually surrounded by his Askars, Beduin armed with sub-machineguns and the traditional dagger

sheathed in gold scabbard. What is not known is whether Prince Faisal was gunned down or captured alive by the guards. Later, a palace spokesman said that initial investigations had shown that "the assassin acted alone and without accomplices". In Beirut the Saudi Arabian Embassy confirmed that the prince, wild be used between 28 and 30 had been said to be aged between 28 and 30, had been treated abroad for a mental illness.

The King, who was 69, was the target of numerous assassination and coup attempts during his II years' rule. Before the death was disclosed, the royal court met to decide on the as the new King. Prince Fahd ibn Abdul Aziz, Interior Minister and another of King Paisal's brothers, was named the new Crown Prince.

The new King is the eldest of the survivors among the late King Ibn Saud's 40 sons. Never an impressive political figure, he did earn King Faisal's confidence and was at his side for most of the dead monarch's rule.

What is not known is the stand either the new King or the Crown Prince will take on the vital issues at hand. For instance, King Faisal had the ambition to pray before he died in the Mosque of Omar, Islam's third holiest shrine now under Israel occupation in Arab Jerusalem. This motivated much of his passion for the Arab cause in the Middle East conflict.

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# Newcastle and Manchester United left trailing by scoring prowess of Liverpool stars

# James makes his point by saving the best for ITF

ewcastle will not win the Premiership — well, not in the Interactive Team Football (ITF) game, at least. Kevin Keegan's expensive struggle to take the title to the North East ran aground long ago. Despite games in hand and a wealth of talent at his disposal, 181 points is simply too much to make up.

If the top sides in the real Premiership were judged by ITF standards, the table would take on a very different look. Liverpool, whose defeat at the hands of Nottingham Forest may well have ended their challenge in the real world, would be ahead with 572 points, closely followed by Aston Villa on 555 with Manchester United struggling on 517. Keegan's poor chaps would be limping along in fifth place with 391, behind Tottenham on 416.

None of this comes as any surprise to leading ITF selectors. They know that it is not only superstars who win the points but the grafters, the men who turn out week after week and rack up the points quietly and efficiently. Alex Ferguson may be prepared to spend around £7 million on the erratic striker. Andy Cole, but not many ITF managers are taking such a risk. Overpriced, over-rated and over the bar — it is no way to win.

Liverpool, on the other hand, are winning on all counts. With Robbie Fowler scoring goals like it is going out of fashion, he has already earned 91 points for Roy Evans and is the ITF's top pointswinner. But their success is not solely based on Fowler's

David James is the highestscoring goalkeeper, while even the lowest-scoring regular members of the side, Ruddock and Scales, are among the top-scoring centre backs in ITF. Their tally of 35 points each is beaten only by Bruce, of Manchester United, Ehiogu, of Aston Villa, and Mark Wright of ... Liverpool.

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tinctly short of ideas. The nearest they can come to the Liverpool maestro is Robert Lee, on a meagre 50 points. Even Ryan Giggs, he of the mazy runs and dodgy haircuts, can only stand in awe, with 60 points. John Barnes can still teach the youngsters a things or two, though, with 54 points.

According to the ITF. Liver-pool are in line for another Premiership title - even though Messrs Ferguson and Keegan may think differently. But then, as any supporter will fantasy world of their own.

If your team could be doing better, with your players lacking form or fitness, you can move into the transfer market.

You can make transfers only by telephone. Using a Touchone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a \* and a hash key are Touchtone), call the 0891 333 331 line during the times given. Calls will be charged at 39p per minute cheap rate, 49p per minute at other times. If you are calling from Ireland, you must call 004 499 020 0631 and you will be charged at 58p per minute at all times.

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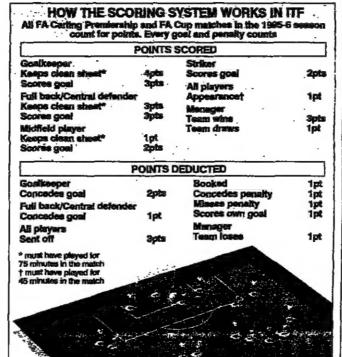
pitting your skills against other readers of The Times, you are also matching your wits against those in the know. With the support of the Profes-sional Footballers' Association, Premiership players have entered sides, and Alan McDonald, of Queens Park Rangers, gives his selection opposite. Like him, you may spend £4.5 million on Gary Pallister - but will he do better than cheaper alter-

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James, of Liverpool, displays the dynamic style that has racked up the points and made him the most valuable goalkeeper in ITF



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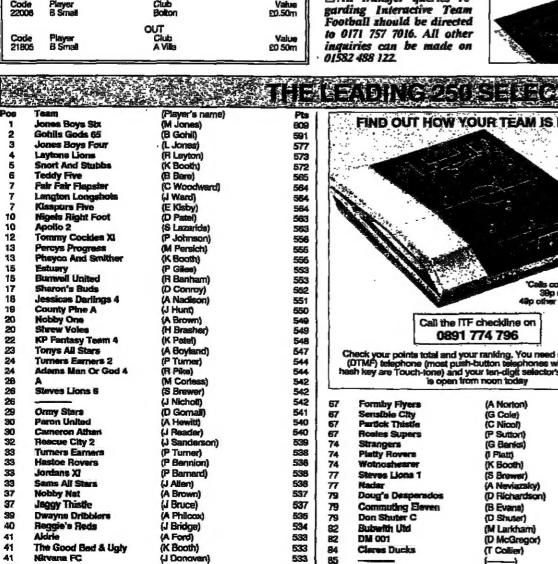
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10701	Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	4 +
10702	E Thorstvedt	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0
10801	A Roberts	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0 -
10802	S Dykstra	<b>Queens Park Rangers</b>	1.00	0
10803	J Sommer	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	-1 -4
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10902		Wimbledon	0.75	-8 -2
10903		Wimbledon	1.50	0 -3
1001	B Grobbelaar	Southampton	1,50	0 -(
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1101		Chelsea	2.50	0 +
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1201	D Seaman	Arsenal .	5.00	+4+3
1202	V Bartram	Arsenal	0.50	0 (
1301	K Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	D -4
1302	C Woods	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+2 -
1401	L Miklosko	West Ham United	2.50	3 -11
1402	L Sealey	West Ham United	0.50	-5 -5
1501	N Southall	Everton	2.50	-7 -
1502	J Kearton	Everton	0.75	0 (
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1901	A Miller	Middlesbrough	2.00	0 +3
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30202	G Pallister	Manchester United	4.50 0+27
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30301	C Cooper	Nottingham Forest	3.50 +4+26
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30503	J Pemberton	Leeds United	1.00 0+13
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# Heading for Europe

I DID have my team selection pinned up on the notice-board in the kitchen so I knew who was in and who was likely to be doing well. But, since we had the kitchen fitters in, I can't even find the board, much less the team-sheet. Never mind, I've just heard the good news that Mac's Moodies are in sixth place in the PFA league. We're going for Europe now these are heady days.

When I picked the team, I opted for a

few friends, then a few steady players and a couple who no one else would go for. I was limited by the price but they were all players who I thought had a good change of doing well. Clive Wilson used to play at QPR, so I know him, Gary Pallister is a steady player and Niall Quinn and Dean Holdsworth are always

going to score goals.

I also tried to get a few penalty-takers in the team. Wilson used to take them before joining Tottenham Hotspur and Jim Magilton has earned a few points playing for Southampton this season. I wish I had bought lain Dowie, now he is at West Ham United. When I was picking the team, he was still at Crystal Palace, so was not in the reckoning.

David Batty is causing a few problems. Now that he has gone to St James' Park, it means I have three Newcastle United players in the side. I don't want to change a winning team, but I will have to get rid

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Alan McDonald, the QPR defender, is having a good

season with his ITF team

of one of them. It will probably be Lee

I couldn't believe it when I saw Batty was on offer for only £1.5 million. I've always liked him as a player and was expecting him to be worth about £4 million. He is another good, steady player and should get me a fair few

Quirun is another bargain at £4 million. He is still only a young man but he seems to have been around for a long time. I have played against him for years in the

## McDONALD'S TEAM

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Premiership and in the internationals against Ireland.

I felt sorry for him when he had that horrific injury and missed the World Cup finals, but he has recovered from that. Manchester City seem to have recovered, too, which is bad news for us at QPR.

It is tight at the bottom of the table. there are only a few points separating the teams. A couple of results could change everything. But we don't seem to be getting the luck at the moment. When we played Manchester United, we were on top in the second half but the referee played four minutes of extra time and

they scored. It sums up our season. But at least Mac's Moodies are in the right half of the table. My top points-winner so far is Gary McAllister, another friend of mine. He is a top-quality player and scores from penalties and free kicks. That is one of the good things about him - he can get me points with a clean sheet and by scoring. Leeds were my tip as dark horses for the championship this season. They started off so well with Yeboah scoring unbelievable goals, but then they went through a bad spell.

My only problem now is where to find another midfield player for £1.5 million. Maybe I will look at some of youngsters from Manchester United. I am just glad that I am not a real manager.

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# THE TIMES TODAY

## NEWS

## Global ban on British beef exports

The European Union last night imposed a world-wide ban on British beef exports after the Government held back from new measures, including the mass slaughter of cattle, to reassure the country and the Continent,

In a move that provoked fury and disbelief in Westminster the Commission claimed that it had the legal powers to order a ban involving third countries, although senior British officials in Brussels doubted that ...... Pages 1, 2, 8, 9, 19, 29

### Scientists reveal two more CJD victims

Scientists with the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee disclosed that two more patients, aged 36 and 42, may be infected with the new strain of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease which has been linked to BSE in cattle. Ten other confirmed cases were announced last week......

### Modahl ban lifted

The International Athletic Federation lifted its four-year ban on the British runner Diane Modahl for suspected drug use, opening the way for her selection for the Atlanta Olympics...... Pages I, 48

# Divorce concessions

Ministers moved to avert a crippling backbench rebellion over the Government's divorce law reforms, offering a series of concessions to Tory opponents of the Family Law Bill ..... Pages I, 2, 39 Woman's victory

A company director sacked after she complained about being paid less than her male opposite number, has won a £140,000 settlement from her former

### Marquess sells up

The Marquess of Bristol blamed the prospect of a Labour Government for his selling the contents of his private apartments at his family home, lckworth.....Page 3

#### Referee blamed

Ben Smolden, 21, the rugby player paralysed after a scrum collapsed, told the High Court that he blamed the referee and an opponent.. ... Page 5

#### Asbestos flats

Conservative leaders on Westminster City Council put homeless families into asbestos-ridden high rise flats, an independent

## Manila mugging

Jacqueline Kane, 22, a British teacher, was recovering in a Philippine hospital after being attacked by a mugger wielding an ice pick minutes after landing at Manila airport.....

Blasphemy challenge Nigel Wingrove, director of a film that includes scenes of Christ on

the cross being caressed by a nun.

#### is to challenge Britain's blasphemy law in the European Court of Human Rights ..... ..... Page 7 China stands easy

China announced that its war games in the Taiwan Strait were over, moving the issues dividing it and Taiwan into the political arena. US Navy vessels are staying in the area.....Page 11

## Italian schism Umberto Bossi, Italy's Northern

League leader, called for the establishment of a separate state in northern Italy, to be known as

# Dole tribute to Nixon

Bob Dole identified himself with Richard Nixon by praising him in a speech while campaigning in California for the Republican primary... .. Page 13

### El Dorado rush

At least 12,000 gold diggers are converging on a lush hilly area of the Amazon where South America's biggest gold deposit may .... Page 6 have been found.....

## Sheriff of Nottingham takes revenge

■ Robin Hood is being retired by Nottingham's civic leaders because they think his image is inappropriate for a city at the cutting edge of technology. The Sheriff of Nottingham and a of local bus agencies to design a new symbol for city which will have nothing to do with wealth redistribution.......



The Queen with the Chief Rabbi of Poland on Warsaw's "Umschlagplatz" from where Jews were sent to Treblinka. Pages 5. 19

BUSINESS

Hallfax: Britain's biggest building society has emerged as victor in the auction for Clerical Medical in a deal that values the life assurance mutual at £800 million......Page 25 BCCI: Creditors of the collapsed bank attempted to queue-jump, demanding in the High Court that their claims be paid in full before

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Incheape: Charles Mackay resigned as chief executive after the Toyota distributor revealed a 92 per cent drop in full year profits and cut its dividend ........... Page 25 Markets: The FT-SE 100 index fell 25.1 points to close at 3681.9. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 83.9 to 83.3, down from

\$1.5348 to \$1.5240 and from

DM2.2646 to DM2.2517 .... Page 28

those of others ....

# SPORT Cricket: Raymond Illingworth is to

stand down as England team manager but will continue as chairman of selectors. David Lloyd, John Emburey and Phil Neale are candidates for the post... Athletics: The reliability of drug-

testing has been dealt a severe blow by the case of Diane Modahl, who was exonerated by the international federation... Football: The Independent Television Commission is likely to act

against a commercial featuring

Eric Cantona in action against an "evil" XI.. Rugby union: The RFU and England's leading clubs edged closer to agreement but differences remain about player contracts and competition structures ..... Page 46

Born in the USA: The Saatchi Gallery's exhibition of rising young American artists is infused with the darkest humour ..... Bohemlans abroad: A remarkable

new musical, transposing the story of Puccini's opera La Bohème to a modern-day loft in Manhattan's Lower East Side, has become the talk of New York. Fresh steps: Today the Arts Council will unveil a new strategy for dance: more performances, more

venues, better-paid dancers. But

where is the money going to come Centre-stage: With characteristic flair Sir John Drummond, the former director of the BBC Proms,

"tonemon"

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technology: high-tech

heating? The couple who

took the tough option

First burger: A cake of minced beef was invented in the last century. Daily chat: A volunteer's approach to mental patients ...... Page 17

Raising baby hopes: A new technique is bringing hope to hundreds of childless couples ...... Page 16 it's in the genes: Dr Thomas Stuttaford on the symptoms of the 

### Felse logic: Does Michael Howard's new scheme really mean stiffer sentences?.....

Private passion: People should be protected, whether they spend time with boyfriends, girlfriends or their stamp collection ...... 

# Testplan: Day two of our guide to

help parents and their children to face the national curriculum tests with confidence....

Cheers for Taiwan. It faced down ugly intimidation by the mainland Chinese regime. It is squarely in the American interest to keep Taiwan democratic and free, and Americans must conduct a steady, tough and principled policy that

Preview: The Morris Minor arrives but where to buy one? Motormania (Channel 4, 8pm). Review: Peter Barnard goes on the beat with the Specials......Page 47

#### Where's the beef?

The Health Secretary presented the House of Commons with a great weight of scientific opinion but he failed to answer the question on which the future of British beef The Queen in Poland

### Honouring historic links and the contribution of Poles who settled in

Britain is relatively easy. Satisfying Poland's expectations of Britain and its West European allies is more difficult ....

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## Sheriff strikes back

Nottingham should hang on to Robin Hood for fear of something not half so good ......

### LIBBY PURVES

My heart always sinks when people feel they have to justify their amusements as conservation, or a sponsored charity event, or a training module, or part of a fitness programme. It is such a timid way to live \_\_\_\_\_Page 18

#### WOODROW WYATT

There is a burgeoning belief that it is the Government's duty to extend indefinitely our expectation of life and to protect us from risk on the way. But banning marginally risky products frequently has unintended consequences ..... PETER RIDDELL

Labours training package, to be announced later this week, addresses redundancies and uncertain job prospects, which remain at the top of peoples' worries and will not be answered just by a few quarters of rising living standards, tax cuts and slogans about enterprise.....

# Ron Hayward, General Secretary

of the Labour Party, 1972-82; Mary Lavin, short story writer, W. H. Murray, mountaineer and

Beef products in non-beef foods national day of remembrance; stuencourages China to be less provocident unions; popularity of classical - The Washington Post | music. Earl of Iveagh \_\_\_\_ Page 19

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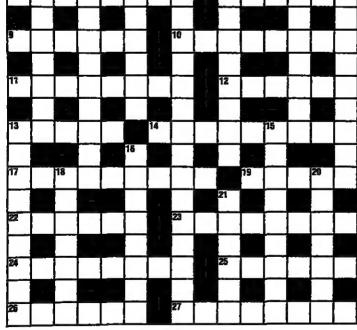
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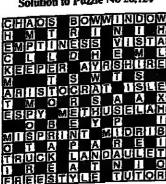
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- I In theatre, it depends on support doctor gets with work (8).
- Support religious leader needed in divided church (6). Complains as hard drinks get passed around (6).
- 10 Agonies created by wrong sure to he settled (8). Course directors giving old protec-tive headgear to soldiers (8).
- 12 It goes wrong for self-serving type 13 Makes impact with bills in large
- numbers (5). 14 Slander like a catty type, we hear 17 Managed returns to share ac-
- count (9). 19 Mounties to some extent set free 22 Liaison in business (6). 23 Pass on responsibility for the
- Solution to Puzzle No 20,124



- 24 American stockman escaped with chore undone (8) 25 Transport to bring gold ashore (6). 26 Course set by sailors in current
  - 27 Able to calculate tax on source of earnings by miners (8).
  - 2 Effect a letter from abroad produced on first lady (7). 3 Centrepiece manufacturer in War-
  - 4 Summary removal of head of
  - 5 Accelerated and sped out of town on trip (3,4,4,4). 6 Concerned to keep temper, being
  - reprimanded (8). 7 Period in school - fashionable one providing last places to train?

8 Indecision putting the case in

- disarray (9). 13 Female creature, thanks to weight gain, displays figure that's magic!
- 15 Newspaper proprietor entertain-ing large number for evening drink (9).
- 16 Way to encourage a swimmer (S). 18 Eastern friend casually displaying Polish (7). 20 Popular one-time performer, not
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☐ General: Eastern England will be mostly dry apart from patchy drizzle; southernmost counties and South Wales will see outbreets of rain, stowly-dying away, North Wales and northwest England will be dry and bright at times.

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Northern Ireland and western Scotland will be dry with bright or sunny spells. Eastern Scotland will be cloudy and mainly dry; wintry showers in far north ☐ London, SE, Central S England, S Wales: cloudy with patchy light rain at first. Wind mainly NE fresh or strong. Cold Max 6C to 8C (43F to 46F).

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